

Nylon Hammocks are available thru:

International Sportsman
26 Mark Drive
San Rafael, Calif. 94903

\$7.95 ea. or 2 for \$14.95

Herter's Inc.
Waseca, Minn. 56093

\$4.97 ea.

Jungle Tent Hammocks (Army Type) are available thru:

I. Goldberg and Co.
902 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

\$9.95 ea.

(Navy reg. hammocks = \$7.95 - \$8.95 ea.)

Carolina Rope Hammocks are available thru:

Don Gleason's Camper's Supply, Inc.
Pearl Street
Northampton, Mass. 01060

Herter's Inc. also have some excellent books for living off the country, homesteading, etc.

"How to get out of the rat race and live on \$10.00 a month" \$4.89

"Professional Guides Manual" \$3.49

Their 3 Bull Cook Books have backwoods recipes on how to cook most anything edible, i.e. wild plants, moose, bear, anything.

"How to make the finest wines at home" \$1.34

They also have most of the Stackpole Bradford Angier books.

The "How to get out of the rat race" book is one of the best outdoor survival and homesteading books I have read. While it is primarily written from the point of view of the sports enthusiast, it contains a lot of helpful information for going it in the back country. Unfortunately, all of their mise is not as good as their books. Some of it is excellent, some good, some fair, some poor. Depends on what you buy.

(this was received last may i think.
i held off printing it because it is
typed in red and i don't know how well
it will come out.)

R. J. Richardson

Globe, Ariz. 85501

NOAMTRAC - North America Trail Complex. A network of overland hiking trails and routes traversing the continent. A comprehensive design to provide on-foot access to all parts of the land, affording the adventurer and nomad an unparalleled, sustained experience in the open country from inhabited rural areas to remote wilderness. Currently in the planning stage, NOAMTRAC routes will be based on trails, tracks and rural roads already in existence. ... All trails will remain unmarked, but will be easily followed with the aid of guide-maps made widely available to the public. NOAMTRAC, 314 S. Henderson, Bloomington, In. 47401. Lee Hading (333-6055)

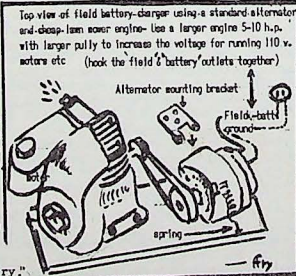
Results of Foam Test

Rolled in 1/2" x 7' by 4 1/2" piece, nude, on top of 3" slab. No tent. Rolled foam, tied ends, wrapped completely around. Dry cool night - stars out all time. Breathed inside most of night. Stuffy but bearable. No noticeable condensation on outside of foam. Tried putting nose out, also exhaling thru tube. Seemed to make no difference on warmth. Chilly, discontinued when outside air 37°, inside air 55°. Assuming inside air (should be?) 75° for comfort: (99 - 55 = 34, 99 - 75 = 24, 65 - 37 = 28, 75 - 20 = 55, 1/2 x (34/24) x (95/28) = 2.4) To be comfortable to -20° with no other clothing would require 2 1/2" foam. 20se71 (i found this in "to be published" file. looks like rayo's writing.)

Finally, I'd like to submit a qualified withdrawal of my comments on "truants". Even if the kid did decide he wanted a government education certificate he could (at least in Vancouver) get a HS diploma starting from zero in about 3 years if he is over 25 or so. That's a hell of a lot better than 12 years of boredom and bullshit, slavery and servitude, stagnancy and Formal "Education" doesn't really mean as much in society as I thought it did (though learning does). The Public School System is just a great big concentration camp for kids as anyone knows who can see the fences and watch them marching en masse. What is your impression of ham radio as a means of inter-communication between libertarians in the wilderness and elsewhere? What types of material would you hesitate to speak about on the air (would you be more restricted than you are in print? who cares if they monitor conversations about edible roots, etc.). (fragment of a letter, no name or date, from before my takeover.)

In ancient times the use of scientific discovery was closely married to social reasons - if not by the scientists themselves, then by their rulers. Thus the steam engine invented in Ptolemaic Egypt for pumping water to the top of the famous lighthouse on the Island of Pharos was soon abandoned, apparently because it encouraged laziness in slaves who had previously carried waterkins up the lighthouse stairs. Still more remarkable was the medieval invention of the electric battery by Baghdad Sufis and their abstinence from putting it to commercial use lest it interfere with traditional arts and crafts. Then there is Suetonius' account of how an anonymous inventor came to the Emperor Tiberius, offering to show him a new sort of glass. He dropped a lump of this on the marble floor in front of Tiberius' throne as if by accident. When it bounced Tiberius asked him whether he had divided the secret of its manufacture to anyone. The man swore that it remained his own, so Tiberius sentenced him to death, remarking that glass of this nature would be found so valuable in the making of jewelry and tableware that it would depreciate the value of gold and upset the economy.

the goody on the left is from "new scientist" by way of "intellectual digest", the author who is Robert Graves sounds like a would approve, thanks to rayo for clipping. title is "the secret war between science and poetry".



(letter continued) The student life (in Architectural School) isn't bad and the activities going on in the school get down to a practical personal level, like helping build houses, etc. I see no future in monaster office buildings and the like which I avoid any involvement with. I'm going to start exploring the North East this summer and I'm working up a series of squat spots. E., n.y.

articles wanted

the next issue of vomilife will be a big one. it will be published in the spring, deadline is feb. 1 i am looking for good how-to-do and where-to-get articles. if you have already published in vomilife i may send you a note asking for more of the same. if not, write and tell me what you have done. even if your life isn't as vom as you would like, there are probably some angles you know more about than do most people. i'll pay 1/2¢ a word as published, maybe more depending on how many i think i can sell. i expect a first printing of 5 or 10 thousand. i'll pay whether or not the article is a reprint from vomilink. mostly i want articles based on first hand information. i don't want a rehash of something that was in "mother earth news" (for example) unless you have personal experience to add to it. but you needn't write in the first person. you may write about a fictional person, like gumona in vomilife 7, page 7. most readers of vomilife 1973 will be new readers. most of them will be interested in vomu but not yet vomans. so articles must be down to earth, directions must be simple and specific and clear. point out likely problems but be optimistic in feeling. (if you have a way worth writing about it's probably a way you are happy with.) worries about what the bludg may or may not do in 1984 are okay in vomilink but not in vomilife. i will arrange vomilife by topics, such as food, shelter, communication, education, power, city vomu, woods vomu, land vehicles, etc. so i'd prefer several short articles each on one subject to a long article which rambles, but there will also be a section for lifestyle descriptions, such as erich's and gypsy's in vomilife 9. when listing sources please include address, also prices if just a few items or sample prices if many items, also date of your information. also tell if you have bought and used the things or if you are going by what others say or by what catalogs say.

articles don't have to have 'proper' grammar or be typed. i can type over, though rather not. information is the important thing. go into plenty of detail. try to anticipate misunderstandings and questions. i'd much rather have too much on a subject and cut than too little. (if you don't want to be edited, tell me.)

if you can write and type pretty, so much the better. keep the final copy 6 1/2 to 7 inches wide, no wider, black on white paper, single space and keep everything fairly compact. white space is waste. i can use a few black and white photos but they should be separate so i can group all photos on one page. (cheaper to print that way.) vomilife 73 will probably grant the same reprint rights as did vomilife 9 so if you don't want your article reprinted you should copyright it or whatever.

i'll be looking for help typing and especially editing. to get things smoother than i can get them myself. if you live around here and are interested let me know. (sending things back and forth through the mail is too much trouble.)

i have been offered a big ibm electric typewriter for typing vomilife on. it makes crisp letters, like the article in vomilife 5, page 3. supposedly it will operate okay from an inverter if it is kept warm. what i'd really like to rent is an ibm composer, but they are expensive and i don't imagine i could operate one of them from an inverter. or could i? (the inverter is 200 watts.) here are a few of the articles i would like to get. hopefully they will suggest others. shelter. rayo is trying to build structures which are comfortable year around without fire or other artificial heat. anyone else doing this? if you heat with wood what precautions do you take to avoid attracting nasties? had any problems?

food. there are many books telling about all the wild things which can be eaten, but keeping well fed that way is something else. like rayo wrote most people who 'live off the land' for a week or two actually live mostly off their fat. is there anybody in north america who hunts and forages most of e's food? also there has been quite a lot written about hidden gardens but i get the impression that so far this is mostly dreams. anybody doing it? now? power. here too i keep reading about hydroelectric and methane generation. anybody doing it on a small scale compatible with vomu? little people. i would like to hear from them or any of their bigger comrades who are living vomu. also i'd like to know mail order sources for learning books, 'educational toys', etc. but only if you have had personal experience with them and they are especially suitable for vomans. i don't want to just duplicate "whole earth catalog". vomunes - vomu communities and associations. tell about yourselves. go into detail, especially about how you started it, letting in new members if any, visitors if any, physical arrangements, what is private, property and what is common property, managing common property, sources of income, keeping vomu. i'm only interested though in vomu communities which probably means that most of you most of the time are out of sight, sound and mind by one means or another, maybe in the woods, maybe in the city, maybe some other way. money. a while back in "libertarian connection" (i no longer have the issue) klondike wrote an article about working 'gravel for gold dust'. a said that somebody could earn as much as a miner as most unskilled jobs pay in a year and e offered to tell somebody where and how to do it. has anybody done it? how vomu? (dredges i'm familiar with are noisy.) this seems like an ideal source of income for vomans if it can be done quietly and without building a lot of sluices or something. gold dust is easy to store and haul around. F.E. had a brief letter in vomilife 7 about collecting and selling herbs. i'd like to read more from people doing this. how much do you clear an hour? what city jobs can somebody take for a few weeks without giving sheep security number, life history and all that? i'd especially like to know of possibilities on the west coast, seasonal employment, etc. how does somebody go about getting the job? sources for cheap, good food, clothing, building materials, especially things used by vomans, anywhere on west coast. also mail-order specialty things anywhere. again, don't just copy F.E.'s, etc. concealment. everyone seems to have a few tricks of e's own which e doesn't want to tell about. which is good, but how about a summary of published information? book reviews? maybe there is a good article somewhere i could reprint.

sky spies and how to fool them. i want not 1984 scare stories but facts about what is in use or being put into use. what can and can't be detected. be as specific as you can. the bludg's press releases usually aren't worth reprinting. but maybe you know somebody who uses or tests out the devices, or maybe you have suffered losses. what were the circumstances? don't depend on the bludg telling the truth. (to B. in Sweden, maybe che was infiltrated and the bludg said it was a spy spy to preserve their infiltrator.) last i knew forest fires were being spotted only by seeing the smoke. anything new in use? alternate sheep bells and such. here too one probably has tricks of e's own, but it is helpful to warn about techniques which don't work. "the paper trip" (review in vomilife 6) is being widely reprinted. (it is 35¢ from Rev. Keith S. Gormesano, c/o People's Press, 621 Holt Ave, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.) but some of the things it suggests may be out of date. this is worth pointing out. city vomu. jim stumm wrote a little about collecting in vomilife 9, page 2, a collective might be good for woods people on a fund raising tour as well as for city vomans. maybe there are city collectives which will take in woods vomans as boarders. if you live in a vomu collective which has lasted long enough to work out problems maybe you will tell how you do it.

CONSTRUCTIVE OPENNESS

by John L. Mallen

more by lan

Rarely do two persons talk openly about their reactions to each other's actions. Most of us withhold our feelings about the other (even in relations that are very important or dear to us) because we fear hurting the other, making him angry, or being rejected by him. Because we don't know how to be constructive open we say nothing. The other continues totally unaware of our reaction to his actions. Likewise, we continue ignorant of the effect our actions produce in him. As a flounder and sink under the accumulated load of tiny annoyances, hurt feelings and misunderstandings that were never talked about openly. The following points increase the probability that openness will improve a relationship rather than harming it.

1. Openness must stem from a desire to improve your relationship with the other. Openness is not an end in itself but a means to an end. We are not open with people about whom we do not care. When attempting to elicit an open you value your relation with the other and wish to improve it because it is important.
2. Aim at creating a shared understanding of your relationship. You wish to know how the other perceives and feels about your actions. You wish him to know how you perceive and feel about his actions... Each of you, thus, will view the relationship from more nearly the same viewpoint.
3. Recognize that openness involves risk-taking. You cannot receive a maximum guarantee with minimum risk. Your willingness to risk your self-esteem, being rejected or hurt by the other, etc. depends upon the importance of the relationship to you. Likewise, you cannot ask that the other guarantees not to become angry or feel hurt by your comments. The important point is that you are willing to risk his being himself -- whatever he feels -- in the effort to make the encounter into a learning situation for both of you.
4. Although the discussion may become intense, spirited, angry, or fearful, it should be noncoercive and not an attempt to get the other to change. Each should use the information as he sees fit. The attitude should not be "who's wrong and who's right?" but "What can each of us learn from this discussion that will make our working together more productive and more satisfying?" As a result of the discussion one, both, or neither of you may act differently in the future. Each, however, will act with fuller awareness of the effect of his actions on the other as well as with more understanding of the other's intentions. Any change, thus, will be self-chosen rather than to placate or submit to the other.

5. Timing is important. Reactions should be shared as close to the behavior that aroused them as possible so that the other will know exactly what behavior is being discussed. For example, behavior during the encounter itself can be commented on. E.g. "What you just said is the kind of remark that makes me feel pushed away."
6. Disturbing situations should be discussed as they occur rather than saving up massive accumulations of hurt feelings and annoyance and dumping them on the other all at one time.
7. Paraphrase the other's comments about you to make sure you understand them as he intends them. Check to make sure the other understands your comments in the way you intend them.
8. Statements are more helpful if they are specific rather than general. "You bumped my cup," rather than "You never watch where you're going." Tentative rather than absolute. "You seem unconcerned about Jimmy," rather than "You don't give a damn about Jimmy and never will," informing rather than ordering. "I hadn't finished yet," rather than "Stop interrupting me."

9. Use perception-checking responses to insure that you are not making false assumptions about the other's feelings. "I thought you weren't interested in trying to understand my idea. Was I wrong?" "Did my last statement bother you?"
10. The least helpful kinds of statements are those that sound as if they are information about the other person but are really expressions of your own feelings coming out as judgments about the other. "You never pay any attention," - name-calling, trait labelling. "You're a phony," "You're too rude," - accusations, imputing undesirable motives to the other. "You enjoy putting people down," "You always have to be the center of attention," - commands and orders. "Stop laughing," "Don't talk so much," - sarcasm. "You always look on the bright side of things, don't you?" (when the opposite is meant.)
11. The most helpful kinds of information about yourself and your reactions are, behavior descriptions: reporting the specific acts of the other that affect you. "You cut in before I had finished my sentence," Describing your own feelings: "I feel blue," "I like what you just said," You should try to describe your feelings in such a way that they are seen as temporary and capable of change rather than as permanent attitudes. For example "At this point I'm very annoyed with you," rather than "I dislike you and I always will."

this is reprinted from "community notes", intentional communities project, siena center, 3635 north erie street, racine, wis. 53402, issue #1. originally written 1968, this is about the best thing like this i've read, many vommans spend a lot of time in close quarters with the same few people so being able to talk through bad feelings can be important. more endeavors are wrecked by 'personality conflicts' than by any efforts of bludg. lan

My wife and I have been living out of tents for three months, and I am hoping to build the smallest possible transportable structure to move into as soon as possible and before winter. (She) is building a slightly larger and more fixed cabin. How do you keep books from mildewing in a tent in a damp woods? (I have them on a bookshelf now, behind sheets of plastic, hoping that's good enough to keep the mildew from spreading.) I've been trying to do the sort of thing you described, for ten years, and this is as close to it as I've been able to get. My first idea was a cave. (Where can you find caves? Within range of cities?) ... May you have peace and the lord God bless you. T., n.y. (august)

about the books. if you have a stove going most of the time you might keep the books close to that so they keep a little warm which ought to keep them dry (so long as they don't get rained on). keep them away from any wall or floor, not too high up so they don't get vapor from cooking. or you could dry them out well first and then put them in a container that closes very tightly. a metal or glass container is best so that mice can't gnaw through it. lan (anyone have other suggestions?)

Rainbow Family Inter-tribal communications center on alternative lifestyles and communes -- where they are and what kind of trip they're on. Will be publishing an intercommunal newsletter, SMOKE-SIGNAL, 110 St. Marks Pl., NYC (212)260-2688.

...Greyhound has long been selling its used buses, but sales have been booming in the last few years since someone discovered the buses can be converted into recreational vehicles. (Gilbert J.) Klocker says his office is now swamped with requests for used buses.... Greyhound has stepped up its promotion of the retired buses, which normally sell for between \$9000 and \$12,000.... The buses often have logged over 1.5 million miles when put up for sale. (thanks to rayo for clipping)

i received the first issue of "free" magazine, whose purpose is to provide information on free and cheap travel and transportation. the first issue is mostly reprints. some of the articles are on freight hopping, buying used airplanes, living in gas (india), driving other people's automobiles. also had a lot of unnecessary illustrations and white space but pretty good for a first issue. first issue is 35¢, four issues for \$3. like vommie they will accept information instead of money. 162 E. 6th st., Eugene, or 97401.

latest "mother earth news" is almost all on farming. except for people into that, their spillover magazine "lifestyle" will probably have more useful information. phil smith, stuff sold by mothers truck store seems high priced to me. might be worth looking for alternate sources. august 1972 issue of "the green revolution" announced the beginning of an alternate money experiment - "constants", designed by Ralph Borsodi. results not in yet. issue is 35¢ from school of living, rte 1 box 129, freeland, md 21053. paul doerr. i asked you in a letter but you didn't say so i will ask you again. what issues of "pioneer" have the information about the bludg spy things? are these back issues now available? i've gotten #8, 9 and 10 and i don't recall seeing anything.

the report by rayo in vommie 9 about what e. and d. g. are doing, which i solicited, was the longest article ever in vommie. do you like this much detail? if so i will solicit similar reports from other vommans. or do you prefer more short letters? don't spend an 8¢ stamp just to write and tell me, but if you are writing anyway and think of it tell me what you would like to see more of or less of.) rayo, you seem bitter against conventional farms. did you grow up on one? why couldn't there be a farm which is visibly run by an elderly couple but which is a front for a group of vommans with secret chambers underneath the barns and haystacks? seems like secret chambers would be easier to build under a farm than under a city building, which you mentioned in vommie 5, page 4. food would be easier to come by. going to and from would be more difficult than to a city vommun but no more so than to a wilderness vommun. personally i prefer to live in the woods as i'm sure you do, but i don't think anyone is qualified to say that there is no possibility for vomm on farming land, which is a large part of the earth. maybe you or i can't think of a way which is practical. but maybe somebody else can. why discourage it? (this is in response to what you say in vommie 9, page 5, and have said elsewhere.) other than that i really liked your report. does my not capital-

izing bother anybody? i can type fastest this way. each capital letter takes three movements - shift, type, release. and why use more than one kind of letter except maybe for special effects? just complicates things for little vommans learning to read and write. al fry, thanks for the warning about orange county. i'll stay away. i would like to hear from other people about other towns which are hostile or friendly. vommans, nomads, van-people, gypsies, and other freeish people between them spend a lot of money. this might as well be spent where tradespeople and local bludg (which mostly live off the trades-people and can be influenced by them) are friendly. encourage them to become friendlier.

getting mail

... I rented a box here in town to see how their system worked, if I would be able to rent a box in, say, California previous to going there and having mail forwarded there, etc. I was surprised at the amount of bludg paranoia I ran into, requiring a residential address (verified by the carrier that one has received mail there), ID, and all sorts of restrictions on use of the box. Presumably the sternly-worded form is a standard Federal one applying to all states of the U.S. I didn't want to pick information from the clerk (already suspicious and hostile) about somebody renting a box who lived in town, but I hope to establish a mail-order business and am trying to figure out a way to get mail without having an address - since I won't be living at an address....

Reply: We've had similar experiences. Solutions: (1) Take over the box of someone who no longer wants it. Add your names to the names authorized to receive mail at the box (takes only a post card from original box holder) but the post office may object if the list of names gets long. Or get mail addressed c/o original box holder. Usually after doing the latter for awhile the clerks will learn that you're 'serious' and you can then delete the c/o. Pay rent by money order and illegibly scribble name of original box holder (no clerks presently don't seem to care who pays rent). Money orders sold by banks and stores are usually solid blank except for the amount. Buyer fills in payee and signs his name, which is of no importance unless money order is lost and he files claim for refund. (2) Get a friend who is moving away to rent the box using his ID before leaving. (3) Arrange with someone trustworthy a 'residential' mailing address. (Either he tells the postman you are visiting, or you use c/o for a while to 'train' the postman.) I believe this is the preferred solution. There are many more residential addresses than there are p.o. boxes so they arouse less suspicion and the effort which can be devoted to checking them out is less. If anyone does check your 'landlord' says you are away on a trip. Your 'landlord' can leave mail in a drop for you which should be outside any dwelling, accessible 24 hours a day, and so located that it cannot be easily kept under surveillance - also so that neighbors won't get suspicious. The 'landlord' doesn't need to see you each time you pick up.

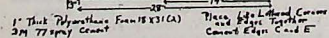
Mail any letters with 'soiled' stamps, stamps not in conventional position, "Sell the Post Office" emblems, etc. away from your 'home' post office. Presently P.O. paranoia seems to be directed, not at vommans, but at mail-order swindlers. The paranoia we have encountered has been almost entirely at the time of initially renting the box. P.O. clerks seem to give little trouble thereafter, so long as nothing is done which causes them extra work. (rough draft by rayo, this letter and rayo's reply is something else i have had around from before i took over. the letter is dated march 14. i should be able to do better in the future because the vommie-vommink split provides more room, lan)

national driver register service in operation

irresponsible drivers are being kept off the nation's highways through the operation of the "national driver register service", a clearinghouse for information on driver licensing. set up by the national highway administration, the driver register currently has a master file containing the names of nearly three million persons whose driving privileges have been revoked or suspended. These names were provided by all of the states and u.s. territories.... when a state wants to learn whether a driver license applicant may have lost his license elsewhere, it requests a "search" of the Driver Register file. This request is fed into the computer system where information on the applicant is compared with data for a possible "match" or identification. In 1970, there were 160,827 "matches" sent to participating states. revocations for serious violations, such as drunk driving or conviction involving a traffic fatality, remain in the file for seven years. While those for less serious violations are removed after five years.... (from "behavioral sciences newsletter for research planning", January 14, 1972)

(condensed from "caliche county rendering works" by way of "the green revolution")

(the original article includes a list of food and gear for a winter camping trip. it is in volume 8, number 7 of "the green revolution", 35¢, rte 1 box 129, freeland md 21053.)



correction. there is no charge to vomlink subscribers for the first six stamped envelopes forwarded in a year.

We live on a small island offshore ... and many of our friends live in boats and cabins. We just moved from a temperate climate it seemed like a long time.

Not guilty!

As Berlin resisted each step of the way, Moulds brought out that in cases of land claims or suspected legal violations in the U.S. forests, federal rules require a raft of steps to be taken by forest service officials. The steps include discussions with the persons making the claim, cooperation with the claimants in determining the legal justification of claims, comprehensive reports to be sent to Washington, and in cases of legal violations, the issuance of citations rather than arrests. . . .

SO IT GOES
ONE STOP AT A TIME
IN COSMIC RHYTHM
AND RHYME

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A BROTHER GARY

these announcements are for subscribers - up to 100 words a year. otherwise a line plus 20¢ an ad. need not be about your living.

help wanted, permanent part-time near SF Bay or LA by long-established libertarian enterprise. Work at home filling mail orders for legal, freedom-increasing products to selling. Pick up and deliver only once a week to one place. Cash pay, commission of yearly retainer plus piece rate. Experience not needed but must be settled and dependable. Phone or residential address not needed. Exchange references first latter. Write Vornlife (sh), Box 455, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

INNOVATOR BEIS FOR SALE. INNOVATOR, the original self-liberator's magazine, can now be obtained in sets of 23 from the period March 1965 to Autumn 1991. Includes 14 issues of the accompanying adapter and forum, FREE TRADE. Topics covered in detail include self-defence, "country shopping", comedians, and "retreated". Money back guaranteed if issues received postpaid in salable condition. \$5 per set. Write Dawn, Box 90913-VL, Hollywood Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009.

The Libertarian CONNECTION is an open-minded, laissez-faire magazine for libertarians. All subscribers have the privilege of contributing material, which will not be edited. LC is known for its greater ideas on practical actions and theoretical considerations in the expansion of both individual and larger-scale freedom. For a sample send 25¢ to: Lila Dawn, Box 90913-VL, Los Angeles, CA 90009.

Vornlife back issues for sale, number 1 through number 9, after '68-69 perform info reprint. 25¢ each plus 25¢ per shipment, postpaid third class. Vornlife, Box 455, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

I'm looking for a mail order source for micrograph stencils in good condition.

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ESPIONAGE - The para-normal directory and guide to extra sensory perception, publications and organizations, mystery schools, metaphysical and spiritual newsletters and other unusual and unique listings. Each listing includes name, address, prices of samples. A.H. Fry editor, ESP Directory, C79 Park, Perris, CA 92370.

BARBER WORLD offers a currency system backed by productivity. Participating small businesses transact business with the medium amongst themselves, reducing taxes, saving cash for other expenditures and finding new customers at minimal expense. Currently operating in Southern California, distributors are sought worldwide. Address: 115 W. Bowers Dr., Suite 311, Los Angeles, CA 90045. (CONS)

The International Church of America hopes that Rationalists and Libertarians will actively join in celebrating the Season of the Intellect (Dec. 21-25) rather than silently accepting or ignoring the Christian and Jewish holiday seasons held at that time of year. An upcoming newsletter will focus on various ways in which it might be celebrated. Membership is presently free; contributors are tax deductible. International Church of America, P.O. Box 1063-VL, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53201.

People - We are fellow invisible people who have been testing in Europe for two years. Right now we are hidden in alpine fog, tending heifers. But we are about to start moving again and plan to return to the U.S., crossing cat to west. We'd like to hear more about your ways of life. Joan and Martin (ns)

(ns) after a name indicates that that person is not presently a subscriber to vomlink. Such a person can be answered only by sending a letter, either directly or to me for forward.

paul doerr offers a mail service for \$1 a month. mail is officially held until called for but actually is mailed to any address one time on receipt of a postcard. and every card can have different address for travelers. i never see u nor u me. (from a longer black-and-white letter from paul which arrived too late for the printed pages this issue so i'll run it all next issue.) paul doerr, box 1444, vallejo, ca 94590.

Dear People: Heard about you and your publication in N.L.N. We up North here are doing various alternative life-styles and organizing. We also act as a resource center for communicating whats happening out here in Canada. Nor' Kountry Paire Tribe, box 2927 str A, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (ns)

Jim Stumm is coordinator of a food co-op and will ship dry herbs - 5 dozen kinds. "You'd have to match the quality and beat the prices of our other suppliers." 60¢ a pound for dry bay leaves, postpaid. (rest of jim's letter next issue) Jim Stumm, Box 29, Hiller Branch, Kenmore, NY 14223

Vonu living perhaps would be somewhat of an ideal to strive for step by step. But instant achievement of nomadic or gathering existences impractical without further experience if you've lived in suburbia all your life. my lifestyle at the present is spending 6 mos each year living with relatives and friends working, saving for land and spending 6 months traveling, meeting people and looking. i gave up using drugs some time ago as they i believe act upon one rather than help one to act on his environment. Ron, Ill. (ns)

several people wrote saying they didn't understand how the vonulife-vomlink split would work. sorry i wasn't very clear explaining it in vonulife 9. (i was going to say more but ran out of room.) maybe seeing this issue will clarify. if you get this you will also get vonulife 73 next spring (whether or not your subscription to vomlink expires before then).

most of the people getting this issue subscribed before sept. and haven't signed a personal use agreement. i won't worry about this until issue 12. also until then i'm not going to try to weed out any institutional subscribers, except for such obvious ones as university of california library (berkeley). my concern is not with some cia type building a file (which is most likely will never do anything with), but with the 'concerned citizen' types who would stumble upon it in a library and get all excited. new subscribers who send \$4 are now getting a full set of back issues, vonulife 73 (when it is out), and a partial refund. many, perhaps most vonulife readers are not regular subscribers but instead send \$1 now and then for 3 latest issues. this includes many people who move around a lot and don't have a permanent mailing address. it's a cheap and easy way for them and an easy way for me. most people with letters here with (ns) after their name have read back issues of vonulife but probably aren't reading vomlink. someone asked what the readership was, and maybe this will help explain. lan

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RAIONALIST CHURCH OF AMERICA, Box 1059-VL, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53201. (address on page 5 got wiped out on some copies.)

Ian: Enjoyed the copies of VI awaiting when we returned after wandering through New England and Maritime Canada. We have been parked in one spot for the last month and a half. It's an alley way in the city and the bludg do come down the alley occasionally. So far no contact. Not very invulnerable except I'm living with the expectation of moving on any time necessary... Al Fry asked about bad spots in the east: we never had any trouble (i.e., bludg contact, etc.) but we did find likely spots for one night's stopover difficult to locate in Southern Vermont. Finally stopped on road to obvious vacation homes and prepared cover story to fit -- it wasn't needed. I suspect any area heavily into tourism, etc. might be the same. Never had any trouble using "rest stops" or picnic grounds. Recent motorhome mag mentioned get tough policy in white mountain forest in New Hampshire for camping in unauthorized locations.... Well anyway it looks like I am definitely getting out of here in 26 weeks. Would like to get up your way but probably won't head west till next fall at the earliest. PP After four months in the bus -- it ain't bad. That heater I mentioned in last communication works great. Turn it on in the morning, put water on top. Get back in bed. By the time the water is boiling the bus is warm. And cheap old kerosene you can buy in any general store for 25¢/gallon. Will report when the weather gets colder, but so far it's beautiful.... d., penn.

X Ian: A safe, anonymous way to send money through the mails is postal money orders, bought in a post office where you are unknown and/or bought in some kind of disguise. Fill in a phoney purchaser's name and address (use the phone book in the area where it was bought) E., Alaska

but what does the person who gets one do with it? i.d. is needed to cash it, isn't it? money orders I get I deposit in a bank, just like checks. but this requires a bank account or a friend with a bank account. Ian

X (from "two-thirds of the nation's lands: report of the president's public land law review commission". thanks to Dave in Southern California for the xerox of recommendation #81 which I am excerpting from) A general recreation land use fee, collected through sale of annual permits, should be required of all public land recreation users and, where feasible, additional fees should be charged for use of facilities constructed at Federal Expense.... Because of the widespread nature of recreation use of most wild land areas, and the general lack of control of access to such lands, it is impractical and too costly to levy and collect a fee only on entrance to areas either generally or for each use occasion. We believe a general use fee can be most efficiently collected through the sale of annual licenses or permits. Sales can be made effectively and simply through sources such as the post offices similar to the manner in which duck stamps are sold, while at the same time permitting sale at entrances to national parks, for example, where personnel are stationed.... The general land use fee should, at the outset, be minimal (\$1. - \$3) to assure that it is not discriminatory and to simplify its administration.... Children under 12, welfare recipients, and persons over 65 years of age should be exempted from the payment of any fee.... It is not necessary to have a large policing force. For the majority widespread dissemination of information concerning the program for the collection of fees will suffice; for the remainder it will be sufficient to know that -- as in the case of a fishing license or motor vehicle operator's permit -- if you are stopped by an official the failure to have it on your person will subject you to a penalty. We recommend that a penalty be imposed for failure of a recreation user to have the permit in his possession on the public lands.

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X konstitooshun, kuz Friaeze brot tits awt in thee oepun, then Elae brot asuz along with tits, in five yeers laetur, soe sumhow, soeshul noodizum otu bee n was uv lief werevur peepul decider it soe. Is woerk fuer mie room and hav bin winteeng too git foniks ukr ukros fur thi past too yeerz. Joesif Bednash, 1515 Pusifik Av. 306, Venus, Kalif 90231.

to Joesif bednash, rayo, paul doerr and any other proponents of reformed speeling. i will write phonetically (what i write for vomlink at least) if you will all agree on one phonetic system (and if it's a system i can type easy). How about it? lan

X UNDER WATER! UNDER GROUND! HYDROPHONE OR INTRUSION SENSOR. Cat.# 92CUL341A. For detection of marine life, human voices beheath the sea, and as a property intrusion device. Sensitive to sounds of footsteps, trucks, vehicles, human voice, all marine life. This unique "mike" with amplifier makes excellent detection device. With amplifier circuit using popular 741. Output impedance 2,000 ohms. By Gulton for Environmental intrusions. \$3.95; 2 for \$10 (plus shipping?) Poly Paks, P.O. Box 942, South Lynnfield, Mass. 01940. (Cat. #198) Poly Pac sells the 741 (?) 59¢ or 2 for \$1. Cat. no. 741ev. (thanks to lisa down of "libertarian connection" for suggestion.)

how does someone use this?(do i have to sit and listen to it all the time?) how many would it take to go around 40 acres say (1/4 mile)? i would like to hear from anyone who has used them : On land. lan

X Phil Smith is correct as to snake bit proceadure and I didn't mean to imply running was a good therapy, only as an illustration as to the effectiveness of the sweat glands to eradicate poisons and toxins (VL8). Ice packs are often used now on bitten area to slow down circulation. However if i had access to a very hot steam room ... the fever nature induces is only good for mild toxins and 150° temp at least is required for more toxic poisons. I have a chiropractic machine that will direct heat through tissues much like a weiner in an infra red ray oven and can get very good results on internal joint problems, etc. with just this artificial heat. This and half a dozen other machines incidentally came from an Estate sale and V.L. people in populous areas might check with their coroner for a good means of keeping some green filtering in. At the moment my mate will lose her son if she follows me in my usual life style so while thus temporarily. noted we have found yard sales, wap meuts and such are a good alternative to punching a time clock. (Al Fry (i have more from al fry which i will either put in next vomlink or save for vomlife.)

X TONGAN NEGOTIATIONS. Preliminary details have been worked out for opening negotiations with the Government of Tonga for the sovereignty of the Republic of Minerva. Mr. Fred Elliot of Guam has been appointed Chief Negotiator. Mr. Elliot has lived in the Pacific since World War II and is familiar with the customs of the island people.... Negotiations with Tonga are only a part of an overall Plan of Action for the acquisition of additional territory in the Pacific area. First and foremost, if Tonga can be persuaded to recognize the Republic of Minerva the other countries of the Pacific Basin will do likewise. We are attempting to purchase the land area of three other islands from the individual land owners which will enhance our position when we attempt to annex them into the Republic of Minerva.... The new nation is a constitutional republic, where government is limited to protect and give recourse to citizens against force and fraud, and cannot engage in any commercial or welfare activities. (from october 1972 "minerva times", minerva office of information, 426 E. Washington, Orange, CA 92666. the republic of minerva is also now registering ships. commissioner of maritime affairs, temporarily c/o international maritime legal research, p.o. box 4022 station 6, 1723 broadway, toledo, ohio 43609. a complaint about minerva was printed in "libertarian connection" #29, \$1 from lisa down, Box 90913 worldway postal center, los angeles, ca 90009.)

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our young people, we're mostly into wilderness living. we're not vomu; our present goal is to live off-the-way, small farms, but that may change anyway. we're sympathetic and we respect your secrecy.... I don't know how much you know about nutrition; I haven't read all the newsletters, but I hope you're getting enough nutrients. we second your recommendation of "Diet for a Small Planet" and the "Vegetarian" backgrounds and we've been studying Asil's work. I've got the most documented and complete info we've seen. we hope the winter in those rugged hills will treat you kindly. we need to learn more about controlling possibilities. heard there are new controls on mining claims. a & c (oregon)

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Just thought of the book: "Cache Lake Country" by John J. Rowland, available mother earth news. It is based on author's experience of spending winters in Northern Ontario woods while timber cruising. It is one of the best books on getting away from it all and surviving the harsh winters. Tom Skinner, RR2, West Lorne, Ontario.

Walker is a bearded hermit who has built his own house, makes his own shoes and grinds his own corn with a home-made mill fashioned from two pieces of limestone. He is 61 and has lived alone 15 years in a wooded area near the Mississippi River in southwestern Illinois. There is no road to the clearing where he has constructed a one-room log house.

Walker built his heavy grindstone mill for the corn he grows in the clearing. He grows most of his food. Anything else he needs - thread, tobacco or lard - he gets by bartering with an occasional passing neighbor. "I don't remember the last time I went to town", he says.

Walker's house is the work of a nineteenth century craftsman. He learned woodworking as a boy and was employed in a sawmill. He never married, and until clearing his portion of the woods worked as a hired hand around the area. Using an antique tool called a froe, he split over 500 shingles for his roof. He still makes barrel staves for water casks and furniture for his home, working with hand tools, some of which he made himself. But Walker is thoroughly happy. "I like the feeling of independence," (thanks to tool skinner)

time I got a faceful of gas (what smells like onion?) when I should have been sleeping. At the same time a key was tried in my door lock. These guys spoke very good American. I live in a 9'x12' gas chamber complete with cooking gas piped in. I've been told that another man killed himself by gas in this room Sweden has the highest suicide rate in the world. They call it suicide when the cops kill. Jimmy Hendrix died in

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Years ago an American Army deserter married a French woman and lived with her about 15 years without anyone knowing. A film was found 10 years ago living in the forest, and he was taken away from the cavalry during the first war, because he was afraid of horses, 45 years young. It can be done. I doubt if it can be done without a lot of help. Sweden is like a small town. Everywhere, a Swede I know came from Poland during Hitler's invasion. He was an injured 16 year old Russian high wire circus performer. He's been in the States for some time, and he's doing yet a better job than he was. He's got a "friend". The bludge got to great lengths to watch everybody. A foreigner disappear? Not goddamned likely.

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back to the Sticks"? Very strong on
thering roots, herbs, and barks, trap-
ing, fishing and assorted means of making
living from the woods. Has outlets for
various wildcrafting. Started printing
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by Al Fry

Yes I think that men have constantly exterminated his superior breeding stock and just as a stock raiser who fostered the weakest of his herd would get short lived 'scrubbs' so we have short lived disease prone 'scrubbs'. Hospitals are filled today with persons who nature is trying to liquidate and who are in most cases recovering to propagate more of their kind. I am touching on this because there are many people who get wrapped up in the 'human food thing' that much of their perspective is lost.

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Nitrate fertilizer explosive: 9 parts
nitrate fertilizer, 1 part fuel oil.
Detonate with blasting cap or nitric acid
in inverted cork top bottle. Use cork
thickness for timing. (See page 22)

My suggestion for sending money via postal money orders assumed that the situation was a number of people sending money to more-or-less established businesses (like yours), and hence was oriented towards protecting the sender. One way to protect both would be through an "underground bank." Each account holder would be given a set of four- or five-letter identification codes for withdrawals (to be used one time each), and a similar set for deposits (which could be used an often as one wants; or one could specify that some or all were to be used once only). Transfers could be then made from account by the payor giving one of his withdrawal codes and one of the payee's deposit codes in a letter to the "bank." This could be sent by the payor to the payee, like a check, for the payee to note amount, etc., and then forward to the "bank." The bank would have a list of all ID codes alphabetically, giving the name (or just account number) of the owner of each, so that the appropriate transfers of accounts could be made. Access to a computer to generate and alphabetize the codes would be helpful, though not strictly necessary.

The "one-time-use-only" feature of the codes would come in handy if/when the bank was set up to take radio orders. That way, someone overhearing the conversation couldn't use the overheard code(s) to rip off the account. Right now, it looks like there will soon be authorized a new Citizens Band radio service, called "Class B" (vs. the present "Class A"), at a much higher frequency (not that you would be flooded with a large assortment of cheap gear for this band). This frequency would carry a lot less far than the old Class D (making overhearing by the bludg much less likely), and could be directionally beamed by hand-held devices (instead of a roof full of plumbing, as now beamed by an area, cheap transmitters that could never locally you required). "Authorization" its just that that would cause the market received signal could be placed a various places with soundproofing (e.g., hidden in the tops of trees, etc.). Monitors (such as the bank) could keep directional receiver antennas pointed towards these (solar cell powered?) relays. Callers would just point their directional antennas, and call. In an area, cheap transmitters could be used, placing new ones from time to time so there would always be plenty. To get fancy, they could be equipped with selective-call systems, like car phones are now, so that they would only respond when the correct sequence of tones was transmitted. A few strategically-placed banks of relays within range of each other could cover hundreds of square miles, with only one or two trips a year needed to replace broken and discovered stations. Peak-to-peak relays could tie as such territory as you wanted into a net. With different tone sequences, or maybe just by pointing your antenna at a different bank, you could reach any locality you wanted to reach. Sort of like Direct Distance Dialing. Or maybe each area could have its own frequency, with relays in all areas on that frequency to relay calls to (or from) that area from (or to) all the others. The Class B band has room for dozens of channels, and of course you could use the same gear for frequencies lying some distance outside the "official" band. Perhaps some single channel or group of channels would be set aside for communications from individuals to relays in all areas, since the areas would, by definition, be out of radio range of each other (if they weren't, they'd be in the same area).

Ambitious projects, but maybe eventually there'll be volunteers enough to make it economically feasible. Something like the "bank" could even be started by mail today. The Atlanta people, with their AICOPS Transfer Orders (write AICOPS, RDS Box 22A, Sargentia, NY 12477), are doing something along this general line, though not really underground. A mail address outside the US (in B.C., for instance, or in England, like the Agora Fund) could even make this sort of operation moderately safe, though how profitable it could be in the near term is another matter.

I sold my business in July and am now back selling my house. In short time I hope to be gone like a great speckled bird. I will use the same address for awhile as these people will hold my mail. I tried Adams idea of planting some crops under beaver dams, but got unsatisfactory results. Big problem I had was I couldn't get back often enough, when I did get back in the crops had been destroyed, animals and unusual amounts of rain had either eaten or washed out crop. Also because of rain I couldn't even read sign of animals. I must write to Adam to see how he is doing this. Do you still mail letters for us? (yes, see upper left page 1.) (see Mexico)

Dear Jan,

October 16

enjoyed the copy of FL awaiting when we returned after wandering through New England and Maritime Canada. We have been parked in one spot for the last month and a half. It's an ally way in the f city and the bludg do come down the ally occasionally. So far no contact. Not very undesirable except it's living with the expectation of moving on any time necessary. So if you want to change my subscription you may. Al Fry asked about bad spots in the east; we never had any trouble (i.e., bludg contact, etc.) but we did find likely spot for one night's stopover difficult to locate in southern Vermont. Finally stopped on road to obvious vacation homes and prepared cover story to fit—it wasn't needed. I suspect any area heavily into tourism, etc. might be the same. Never had any trouble using "rest stops" or picnic grounds. Recent motorhome rag mentioned get tough policy in white mountain forest in new Hampshire for camping in unauthorized locations. PP don't quite understand your new publication scheme: will first be available to be out in January? At you mean 1200 words? The general idea sounds admirable. Already checked local offset shop and may send you a long rap when I determine your publication schedule. Well anyway it looks like I am definitely getting out of here in 26 weeks. Would like to get up your way but probably won't head west till now fall at the earliest. P After four months in the bus-it ain't bad. That heater I mentioned in last communication works great. Turn it on in the morning, put water on top. Get out in bed. By the time the water is boiling the bus is warm. And cheap old kerosene you can buy in any general store for 25¢/gallon. Will report when the weather gets colder, but so far it's beautiful.

thorny barton of nomadic tipi makers, star route box 41, cloverdale, ore. 97112 writes in a letter in "mother earth news". "After one year here i've found jobs to be made. The service has about 10 different types of contract employment, from piling of slash by hand to road repair and planting (trees). Pays \$3 to \$5 an hour...Live in a tipi or whatever, right in the middle of it all. Bid the contract yourself and in your own disciplinarian..."

October 20, 1972

Last issue I mentioned that I have never been hassled by the bludg. As I write this (mid sept) I'm lying in the field behind the house we're living in, sunbathing in the nude, drinking a pint of homebrew beer, listening to the crickets chirp, & watching bees flit around goldenrod blooms. If I stand up, I can see the houses of suburbia way over there, but they can't see me down here behind the tall grass. We've lived here for months now, they don't bother us, we don't bother them. It seems I don't have to go off to the wilderness to do my thing, not just yet anyway. I can usually find a comfortable niche near wherever I am.

This morning we walked back behind the house to get some pears. The house is sitting sits on an acre lot, but you can walk maybe 3 miles back thru overgrown fields & small woods. This is good foraging land, land that's in between, no longer being farmed, but not yet cut up for suburban development. The speculators in the city who own this land don't care who wanders around on it, as long as it given them no trouble. So we can go back & gather the harvest: pears, apples, wild grapes, elderberries, choke cherries, strawberries, sumac, hawthornes, & more. Picked a couple bushel of pears this morning which didn't dent the supply. We'll can some dry some, & tomorrow I'll take a boxful into the Co-op to give away.

If anyone wants to gather, dry, & sell herbs, I can provide a market. The co-op where I'm coordinating stocks 4 or 5 dozen herbs & perhaps I could provide a link to other food co-ops in this area. You'd have to match the quality & beat the prices of our other suppliers. Rayo, we can pay 60¢ per lb for bay leaves, postpaid to us. Let me know if interested & we'll order. Anyone, write to me that he will be able to supply & I'll work prices we can pay. (Jim Stumm/Box 29/Hiler Branch/Kennett, NY 14223)

Most banks already microfilm all checks, regardless of fate of Bank Secrecy Act. They also ask for social security number for a checking account. Perhaps one could refuse to give it. It would be a little bit of a "mistake" when giving the number, reverse a couple digits or something. Does anyone know the coding of a.s.s. numbers, so one could construct reasonable phonies? There apparently is a pattern which may relate to issue date & perhaps geographic location. I formerly worked in checking acct dept of a bank & i've seen IRS bludg spend days by the microfilm reader gathering info on some "records about as secret as a billboard." I will be happy to answer any questions I can about the internal workings of a checking acct dept; just write to me.

I'm really confused now about vonlink. I don't know how much of what I send you you'll print, or what the readership of anything I write will be. And yet, vonlink has been useful to me mostly for info, access to other info, & inspiration. But a 2 month wait for another jolt of inspiration is already long. A year between issues would make it useless for that. Sorry to see you dropping photo repro with reduction which I thought a very efficient, flexible technique. Won't miss cost you much more in postage? I'll continue to send whatever I have, & you can print all, or some, or none.

My experience with collective living & observation of others around here indicates that this is an ongoing process rather than achieving a fixed status. There is a constant flow of people, houses, changing relationships. If you need something more stable, this is not for you. But any bludg will have a very hard time trying to trace you thru all the changes. Getting the right people requires a continuous selection process. With non compatibles, you ask them to leave, or you leave. When we have an opening in our house, we all talk to the prospect; any present roommate can veto. You have to be ruthless about telling someone they can't move in, if a 2 won't work. A house should stay small enuf so everyone knows everyone, then social control will prevent anyone getting ripped off, e.g. you'll do the dishes as a favor for your friends, unless you decide on a more formal work rotation. Any conflicts must be talked about, don't let them fester in silence. The collective I know are all both sexes, but few children. Sex relations are flexible & tend to evolve over time. Persons are free to work out their relationships as they please. Where all are tolerant, problems are manageable. But collective living is an art. Some are naturally better at it than others, & it does take some learning.

MEMON has a NE* address... Preferably mail for MEMON, in a plain envelope marked simply "MEMON," should be wrapped in a sheet of paper (to prevent show through) and inserted in another envelope addressed to: Laisses-Faire Books, 208A Mercer St., New York, NY 10012... P.S. MEMON is seeking people who have somewhat "public places" (like a store or an office) who would be interested in operating terminals on a "Transcription System." This would be a sort of "underground post-office" for the confidential, anonymous and safe transmission of letters, money and goods from place to place. For more information write and if possible give Libertarian references and details concerning your facilities.

Now would be a good time to establish an open season on the two-legged predators of the Fish and Wildlife Service... I'll bet you thought that the Fish and Wildlife Service was established to protect wildlife. Wrong! Their main duties are to kill wild animals and birds. Last year, the Fish and Wildlife Service wiped out 5,000 badgers, 642 bears, 1000 beavers, 69,000 coyotes, 20,000 lynx and bobcats, 7,000 opossums, 7,000 porcupines, 5,000 raccoons, 19,000 skunks, and 3,000 wolves. Mostly they do this by wholesale poisoning, using a poison referred to as "1080." It is put on food and grain the animals and birds eat. Death is lightning and agonizing. Many animals, including the bear, slowly lose their fur and just gradually die. (from unknown newspaper by way of "keweenaw notes")

For see dog and city dweller alike, the urge has been stronger to get a sail on open water - equipped, of course, with as many dry-land conveniences as budget and ingenuity will allow. After spending tantalizing hours at winter boat shows - and an estimated \$1.8 billion for new gear - nine million U.S. boat owners are preparing impatiently for the new season. Among new seafarers the trend is away from the big, sleek yacht to smaller, less expensive boats. Many of the new craft are multipurpose. Among them: a hydroplane-sailboat that frisks along at 30 knots; an air cushion vehicle for use on shore as well as at sea; a snowmobile that converts into a speedboat and a house trailer that becomes an ark... bearing Aquanacs, small pontoons with fins along the bottom for traction, a water skier, across the water for his mooring. Made in Canada, the new water shoes cost \$19.95. (source unknown, thanks to ezech for clipping)

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about vomlink and vomu communication

circulation of vomlink is now over 90, and I've set a limit of 100.

My original intention was to split vomlink by subject matter, but if I do all the split-off sinets (sinette - mini-magazine) myself then the information flow is still all funneled through me instead of being decentralized, that isn't good vomu. Also I still don't have a way to get mail often, so I don't want to do anything that will increase the amount of mail which needs fast action. I'm looking for ways to nurture vomlink sinets done by other people - sort of cooperative competitors, three of the things I'm thinking about are pool pages, refund insurance, and subscription referral.

pool pages. I will swap, buy or sell 100 copies of interesting material about vomu (details further on). This is a way for a sinet to put out more information for the same cost.

Refund insurance. Many people are reluctant to subscribe to a new mag because they've been robbed by others which stopped without making refunds.

Subscription referral. Vomlink readers are encouraged to subscribe to the sinets most compatible with their interests. (Details further on)

a sinet can get in on any one of these things without getting all 3. But I'll tell how it might work with all 3.

suppose lozon wants to do a sinet for vomists around new york city who intend to stay there and want to get acquainted, e doesn't want to do a whole lot of writing and editing stuff, e mostly wants to circulate contact information - maybe a couple of mimeographed sheets every few months, but not too many, and even to mail one sheet so e might as well put more sheets in with it. e wants the sinet to be personal and confidential so e doesn't want to advertise, but e can reach new people if e doesn't advertise.

lozon and the people e would like to reach are interested in a lot of the stuff in vomlink but not much in contacts and sources in calif. or alaska. also some of them don't write for vomlink because they don't know who might read it. they want a sinet that's more selective.

so lozon buys pool pages from vomlink and gets other vomist sinet - 2 sheets an issue - about 5000 words. lozon mimeographs 2 sheets of e own each issue which adds up to 8 pages total - a nice little bundle of information. if lozon mails all 100 copies postage costs \$8. 50 pool pages cost \$2. paper and ink and stencils for e mimeographed pages maybe costs \$1. so each issue costs \$15 total. if 50 of the 100 copies are sold for \$1.50 a copy that's a \$75 income an issue. if 40 are a \$15 surplus there's a \$120 profit. e published that big an issue by e self e would be lucky to break even.

maybe after a while lozon starts getting a lot of new and articles which aren't personal and which might interest other vomists. e can print extra copies of this part of e sinet and swap or sell them to other sinets, which helps pay for e printing.

lozon gets new subscribers from vomlink without advertising. the way this works: when a trial subscription comes to the subscription referral service from somebody around nyc who says e wants to get in touch with others around nyc, the order is forwarded to lozon. lozon can refuse the order if e doesn't want that person as a subscriber. also the subscriber can cancel if e wants after seeing an issue. lozon has refund insurance so if something happens to e then vomlink pays refunds.

all this isn't just a way for me to get out of some work, or to cut the costs of vomlink, or to get more information sources for vomlink. though it's these things too, this is an experiment in vomu communication.

a big newspaper or magazine is centralized. all the information flows through one place. this makes the mag visible and vulnerable to e and its subscribers vulnerable. the more 'successful' it is, the bigger it gets and the more vom it is. if it prints something the clubs don't like, it can be charged with 'sedition'. if its lawyers get it out of that, the fire will spread over its books some more. if that doesn't turn up something a fire inspector comes and looks the building over. easier for the editor to print what the bludge want or at least the 'liberation' (which threatens only a few figure heads, not the bludge who do the dirty work). if the editor is stubborn the stockholders start wondering why there aren't any profits (sharp lawyers, the accounts are bulging, remodeling, etc. cost money) and get another editor.

person to person correspondence

can be vomu but not very efficient for spreading the word. something may not get relayed, even if it does it travels slow and errors accumulate. sinets are pretty vomu so long as they stay small but costs are high in proportion to the amount of information put out. so i'm looking for ways to get much of the vomu of personal letters with much of the efficiency of a big magazine. pool pages, refund insurance, and subscription referral may help. vomlink is now an annual book, an annual can be more vomu than a magazine because there is more time to do things and it can be distributed through a lot of different channels. i'm hoping it will be a good way to get how-to-do information to people who can use it. but once a year is not often enough for contacts or discussion or developing new sources, for that sinets are needed.

my guarantee about present subscribers getting all split-off sinets won't mean anything if vomlink doesn't formally split. but i also promise 40,000 words a year minimum or appropriate extensions. thanks to several people for the ideas here and to ravo for much helpful criticism and some of the wording.

more about pool pages - swap, buy, sell

this is especially to people who put out or may be starting a vomist sinet. 'pool pages' are called 'hotter plates' in the printing trade.

suppose you and i agree to swap pool pages one-for-one. here is how it works: you are putting an issue together. most of the material is of interest only to your own readers, but some would also be of interest to readers of vomlink (and any other sinets with which you swap pool pages). for most interesting material you print on both sides of a single sheet. you print an extra hundred copies for me same time you print your own copies. you send them to me and i include them in vomlink. i do likewise. this way you and i can increase the content of both sinets without increasing cost and effort much. this is possible because of the economies of printing in larger quantities. most printers able to photoreduce want \$10 for the first hundred copies and \$2 for each additional hundred (postage). of course someone can mimeograph and save printing but then e spends a lot of postage and e subscribers complain about the bulk.

maybe we aren't swapping one for one. maybe you can print extra for me but can't use any of mine or vice versa. so i can't buy or sell as well as swap. my price either way is \$3 a hundred typed bokrrete sheets. i'm in a bind right now. this is for an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (weight of 5 sheets not over an ounce) printed with photoreduction on both sides - at least 5000 words.

if you want to sell and me a sample first. if i like i'll make you a standing offer. if you want to buy you must make me a standing offer so i can print your copies along with mine. (once the issue comes out it's too late.) either you or i can cancel on one month notice. bokrrete is cheap - 100 sheets for 21¢ i think - but slow, and it's also reminding. if you want it faster i can get my printer to ship directly to you by parcel post for \$1.50 a shipment extra regardless of number of pages. from now on i will print one pool page sheet (2 pages) with each issue of vomlink. here are some guidelines to what i like and what i'll deliver. at least 2/3 of contents relevant to vomu broadly defined, not more than 4% including ads for your own things. very little 'politics' and 'religion' broadly defined. each sheet is 8 1/2 x 11 folded to 8 1/2 x 5 1/2. content is at least 4000 words for every fifth ounce. no mimeo. it's very neat and done with a special typewriter which makes very small letters. (i think i fry has one.) name, address and any other identifying information is left out except when authors say otherwise.

'vomu' i'll use by 'relative physical inability to coercion' rather than 'out of sight, sound and mind.' some city vomists are out of mind but not sight - they rely on deception. ravo called this 'urban anonymity' in vomlink 5. 'politics' others call it 'movementism' or 'collective movementism'. this is anything which has to be done by a large number of people for it to have much benefit for anybody. (what's a large number? i'm not sure, but getting more than a dozen to all agree on anything is difficult.) or it's saying, 'this would be a wonderful world if every body would only' or 'we are all doomed unless we all' politics is not just voting. i get a sinet from one fellow who

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is very down on voting. so e writes letters to all the congressmen telling them they ought to resign. (i don't that just another way of voting?) religion. this includes any idea that somebody has direct pipeline to the 'truth' by reading a certain book, listening to a certain preacher, personal communion with god, e.s.p., dropping acid or whatever. (i'm not claiming that somebody doesn't have a direct pipeline, just that i got to build my own pipeline direct or otherwise.)

more about refund insurance

this is a guarantee by vomlink to subscribers of a sinet. if the sinet stops publishing or gets very late and doesn't make refunds, i will either make proportional refunds or substitute vomlink and extend subscriptions 50%. i will always make refund if requested. it will then be my responsibility to chase down the former publisher and collect from e. also i will get reimbursement from somebody else, who will be responsible if something happens to me.

more about subscription referral

this is especially for a sinet which doesn't want to advertise openly. maybe the people who write for it are very particular about who reads their subscription referral works like this. i put an ad in vomlink 73 which will get something like this.

communicate with others who are achieving vomu

There are now a variety of newsletters and sinets (mini-magazines) for persons contacts, information updating and unedited discussions, among nomads, troglodytes, van/camper dwellers, boat dwellers, backwoodsmen, anonymous city peeps, freetriders, international rovers and others who prefer to do work or play out of the sight, mind or reach of those unwilling to let live.

Each newsletter has circulation limited in the Pacific since World War II and is private. newsletters are published by different people in different places. They are about different kinds of vomu or for people in different geographical areas or ways of life. Some are unedited compendiums of what subscribers send in; another may be the words of just one experienced person. Some accept subscription from anyone who can pay. Others may circulate only to people like themselves or who are recommended by present subscribers. Some are sold for money. Others may swap for information. Some go through the mail. Others may be passed hand to hand. Some might even be in code or a secret language. Some publish frequently. Others are irregular. Some do not advertise and can be contacted only through Vomlink or present subscribers. There are periodicals about vomu as of this writing. They will probably be more by the time you read this.

For a trial subscription of at least two issues (maybe send \$1 and a description of yourself. Tell as much as you can about your present life-style, background, philosophy, objectives, attitudes, interests, etc. (But no need to include personal information such as residential address, name of company or school you attend.) Tell what you are a sinet you would like to get. Tell whether you are more interested in information which will help you and your present group accomplish your purposes, or in getting to know others doing comparable things. Tell whether you hope to eventually meet others face to face or if you prefer discussion conducted anonymously at a distance. If you have a residential address or phone number, tell whether or not it may be published if name and address are left off. Please also mention any vomist, libertarian, back-to-the-land, etc. periodicals you presently read - to avoid accidental duplication.

I will read your letter and pass your order on to the sinet or newsletter which i think is most in line with your interests. (Forwarding is sometimes slow so allow 2 months for receipt of first issue.) all subscriptions are guaranteed by Vomlink. If a sinet stops without refunding Vomlink will either refund or substitute.

Important note. Most vomist sinets reprint extensively from each other. So i recommend against subscribing to more than one at a time. Send \$1 and description to

i pass on subscription orders to participating sinets. i keep 50% of the \$1 for handling. i will keep an additional portion for refund insurance unless the sinet is a freebie or has another backup arrangement. a sinet has the right to reject a subscription in which case the order returns to me and i substitute vomlink or make refund. a participating sinet is mostly years of age should be exempted from the religion. a sinet doesn't print more than 100 copies, except for pool pages which contain no

personal information. a sinet sends me to allow me the option of reprinting in vomlink or vomlink up to half of what it publishes, and vice versa (i'm negotiable on this point). either the sinet or vomlink may and subscription referral at any time. so a sinet might start out this way but at some if circulation goes over 100. a sinet can split to keep circulation under 100 but not more than 3 sinets are published by any one person or family. if you are interested in subscription referral write and send me a sample or tell me about the sinet you have in mind.

i will not transfer any vomlink subscription to another publisher without permission of subscriber. subscriber may switch over or cancel with refund of remainder at any time. lan

UNDER WATER/ UNDER GROUND/ HYDROPHONE OR INTRUSION SENSOR. Cat. # 92013414. For detection of marine life, human vessels beneath the sea, and as a property intrusion device. Sensitivity to vibrations of foot steps, trucks, vehicles, human voice, etc. marine life. This unique MKE with amplifier makes excellent under water and intrusion detection device. With amplifier circuit using popular 741. Output impedance 2,000 ohms. By Walton for Environmental Intrusion. \$2.95, \$3 for \$10. PolyFax, P.O. Box 542, South Lynnfield Mass. 01940. PolyFax sells the 741 (not included) \$99 or 2 for \$1. Cat. # 741CV. (Thanks to Lisa Ann of 'Liberation Connection' for information.)

MINERVA NEGOTIATIONS. Preliminary details have been worked out for opening negotiations with the government of Tona for the sovereignty of the Republic of Minerva. Mr. Fred Elliott of Guam has been appointed Chief Negotiator. Mr. Elliott has lived in the Pacific since World War II and is familiar with the customs of the island. Negotiations with the Republic of Minerva for the acquisition of additional territory in the Pacific area. First and second round of talks can be persuaded to the Republic of Minerva the other countries of the Pacific Basin will do likewise. We are attempting to purchase the land area of three other islands which will enhance our position when we attempt to annex them into the Republic of Minerva. The new nation is a constitutional republic where government is limited to protect and give recourse to citizens against force and fraud, and cannot engage in new wars or welfare activities. (from October 1972 'Minerva Times', Minerva office of information, 428 E. Washington, Orange, Ca 92666) subscription \$150 a year. (that's what it says on the card) contains about 3000 words. the Republic of Minerva is also now negotiating slips. commissioner of maritime affairs, temporarily c/o international maritime level research, c/o 4282 station e, 1723 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio 43609.)

(from "two-thirds" of the nation's land: report of the president's public land law review commission). traces a way for the zero of recommendation #1 which i am excerpting from) A general recreation land use fee, collected through sale of annual permits, should be required of all public land recreation users and, where feasible, additional fees should be charged for use of facilities constructed at federal expense. Because of the wide spread (7) nature of recreation use of most wild land areas, and the general lack of control of access to such lands, it is impractical and too costly to levy and collect a fee only upon entrance to areas either generally or for each use occasion. We believe a general use fee can be most efficiently collected through the sale of annual licenses or permits. Sales can be made effectively and simply through sources such as the most offices similar to the manner in which duck stamps are sold, while at the same time admitting sale at entrances to national parks for example, where personnel are stationed. The general land use fee should, at the outset, be minimal (\$1-\$3) to assure that it is not discriminatory and to simplify its administration. Children under 12, welfare recipients, and persons over 65 years of age should be exempted from the payment of any fee. We recommend that a penalty be imposed for failure of a recreation user to have the permit in his possession on the public lands.

Dear Lan,

November 17, 1972

Congratulate me! I finally made it! Color me vomu!

Thanks for your note. My position on this job is, as it would be for most VL people, to raise funds (for a high-seas venture next fall), rather than as a "company man" just doing a little tour here. I happened to have worked for the same outfit before simply because when I got out of the Army, only GE offered me a job, and when GE laid me off in Santa Barbara, GE here in Alaska was again my only offer (well, not quite: on NY, for \$2000 less than I got in Santa Barbara; some choice). The only difference is in the way I got the job. In Santa Barbara passed an intra-company resume around, whereas someone on the outside would have had to do the passing around himself. Most of the other people here, though, are "company men" who were laid off in the Lower 48, or who got into some financial bind, or who wanted to build up a nest egg, etc., but who plan to go back to work for GE after spending a while here. The makeup of people at this site is different from those at similar GE sites in other parts of the world, though. The pay scales are similar, but the other sites offer tax advantages--if you stay 18 months, there is no tax on the first \$20,000 earned. For this reason, the minimum tour there is 18 months (vs. 1 year here), and the minimum tour extension is 1 year (vs. 6 months here). The net result is that this place is filled with "short timers," who plan to go back shortly and/or new people trying out this sort of life. Jobs at the other sites are made available on a seniority basis: one needs to have a year or 18 months in here to work up the ladder. As a result, most of the people here have been here less than two years; the senior man on site has about 3 years, and has just agreed to transfer to another site.

As for the outfits I mentioned in LC, I don't really know any more about them than is contained in their standard package. Just write them and they'll send you the same stuff.

This place is a two mile by four mile island entirely taken up by an Air Force base, and is 1400 miles west of Anchorage at the end of the Alutians. Not much opportunity for vomuans. Sorry about that.

Filthy Pierre (more by pierre on page a)

Vonulife or Vomu Link?--

where did I see named-for ecologist in Seams-Gov. Junction area? In Vomu Life? Can it be? Now would like to contact. Tom's round extra VI 3 & 4, and have a copy of Monopoly for you, where is your drop box?

Ray-- Comments re your "Comments on Vomu Life #5 & #6 to Lan" (VI 37 May 1972 last page 12.) For a youngie, your points are well taken and show considerable understanding. We "middle-aged-to-olderly-sympathizers" may go for the small farm but that may be just a means to an end. The time is near-er to us than to you when back-breaking a ton of stuff may be more than the body will take. Old injuries turn to plague us, and the cold is colder. There should be a less rugged Vomu Life at it. Keep trying, we may be with you yet. You have come a long way since the Pacific Island project. Looking

back just to 1960, there were virtually no people or publications to even question Big Brother Budger. J.T. Ryan was ranting and Leonard had getting started. Many considered govt as evil but necessary. The concept of bludg being unnecessary evils seems now, to this present society anyhow, at about the middle of this century when some half dozen authors (one in 190) either flatly stated that govt force, coercion, was evil and unnecessary or indicated that they were considering such a novel and unpopular idea. By govt or

bludg I refer to the organized force used by an elite to control the rest - chief, king, communist dictator, Fascist state, democracy, the 19th govt, the conservative talkabout, or the militant-insurance-defense agency of some liberal plans. There are hundreds - thousands - who have been exposed to this self-governance concept. Time will tell how this exposure develops, but it is new and growing. Individual liberation is not new, perhaps some hermits of old, monks, mountain men and gypsies were opting out of their society as the Vomuans to-day. We have no records of those really successful yesterday or to-day. I can't speak for all m-a-t-ees but I am delighted to have the opportunity of knowing of such modern pioneers - to know that they are out there. We hope to work out exchanges: profitable to all, that is our objective - to play between the Golden Rule of voluntary, reciprocal exchange, particularly between the land owner-developer and the land user. J.L. Box 271 Milo, Oregon.

P.S. VI 10 came on day I was mailing this. Lan - note to ray, excellent. where and when can we sit together to discuss some of these ideas? jll.

Our emerging pattern of living: From April thru December we live in a wilderness area -- usually secluded, occasionally moving. During Jan., Feb. and March we are on the road in our camper traveling south as far as Baja Calif., then north again to Siskiyou region; buying supplies, sometimes working, browsing in libraries, and rapping with freedom schiefers.

Our major activity is experimenting with vomu -- devising and testing techniques and equipment with potential for reducing vulnerability to human predation. Roberto is especially interested in food supply and nutrition, Tom in shelter and communication.

We have chosen, at least for now, a more accessible if less vomu pattern of living than some seek. We are not especially threatened by bludg -- less so than is the 'average law-abiding citizen'. Tom is over draft age; we have no school-aged children; we rarely use psychedelics; our income is below taxable levels. So we can experiment with unorthodox living arrangements in relative safety -- we can survive the failures as well as celebrate the successes -- and communicate the results. Our personal stake in vomu, besides the challenge of finding better solutions to a chronic human problem, is survival of nuclear war or other disaster.

In many ways we admire the closed-close vomuans who, seemingly, have no outside communication except in writing. But, at present, such communication depends on the Post Awwl. We hope to reduce our own dependency by cultivating a network of personal contacts along the Pacific Coast.

We have difficulty making connection with visitors in our home areas; it is easier for us to go to them. Most of the people we are able to visit have stationary places of contact. Thru them we meet other nomads.

We like to exchange information, herbs, used books, and instruction. If you and we have not met, and you are open for a visit, write and let us know place, best times, your interests, etc. Our mailing address (only) during Jan. thru March '73 is Vomu Life (R), Box 458, Cave Junction, OR 97523. (If we have visited during the past two years we will attempt to contact you if we get into your area -- please write if you have a new address or phone number.) We come with our own food and shelter.

I'm now living in an abandoned stone cabin on the side of a large canyon, which shall remain nameless, with a friend of mine. It is in a transitional region between desert and mountains. There is an abandoned (gold?) mine in the back yard. There is no water here yet, but there is a permanent spring nearby that could be developed. It's miles to the nearest other habitation. I will try to expand upon this later on, when I have some experiences to report. For the winter I plan to live on dehydrated food, but next spring I hope to be able to do some informal gardening.

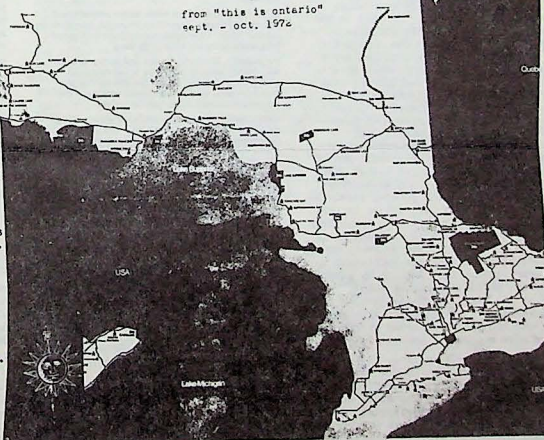
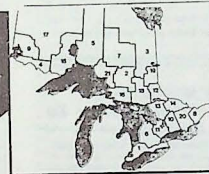
Speaking of the government, have you noticed any attempts at government surveillance of your operation? You would probably be in a better position to observe this, since your publishing operations are more visible to the bludg than the rest of us. The bludg is undoubtedly aware of our "back to the land" movement, though it has given no overt sign of this. I feel that, in general, the bludg wish we would go away, but they have no real desire or ability to hunt us down. However, they will certainly try to make life more difficult for us in the future.

I have noticed a general tendency toward greater boldness in VomuLife. In the beginning, I used to feel that it was somewhat unnecessarily or excessively concerned with secrecy. Of course, some secrecy is necessary, but I don't feel that you need to worry seriously about surveillance by satellites for the moment. But lately you have gone so far as to consider city vomuism, which would have been unthinkable earlier, a virtual contradiction in terms. What audacity! This shows the changing attitudes of vomuans, perhaps gained through experience, that vomuism may be easier than first thought.

However, I don't agree with the idea, expressed earlier on, that it would be desirable to establish a colony of independent vomuans about a half mile apart in the wilderness. That seems too close together to me. Except in a heavily wooded area, I think you have the various vomuans constantly bumping into each other unintentionally and finding each other's vomu. A half mile really isn't very far for an inveterate wanderer. My father's farm back in New York is a quarter-mile long, and we were constantly finding some of the strangest people there. A mile or more seems to me to be a more satisfactory distance.

I have also noticed that the issue of nuclear warfare receives more prominence in VL than in the publications of other groups of free people, where it is regarded as nearly passé. Witness the continuing exchange between Rayo and Mitchell Jones. Of course, nuclear warfare is about the only issue you can't avoid through seclusion. What is the reason for this unusual preoccupation? Can it be that these vomuans subconsciously wish for nuclear warfare, as a solution to the population problem and other problems of vomuism?

Getting closer to home, I have a problem with small animals which nibble at my cardboard boxes and other papers. Can anyone help me devise some method to deter these hungry little varmints? I thought of sprinkling moth balls inside, but I don't want to smell up the contents. Maybe I could spray something on the outside, like mustard-powder paste, to make the paper less appetizing. What do you think?



CRITIQUE OF HARRY BROWNE'S DISASTER PLANNING
by Filthy Pierre
(condensed from "Libertarian connection",
Nov. 23, 72, issue #1 from Lisa Dawn,
Box 90913, Worldway Postal Center, Los
Angeles, CA 90093)

I just finished reading the interview with Harry Browne in the November issue of Reason. Browne's basic problem is that he is a specialist in financial matters, i.e., Prince ("War is Too Important to Leave to the Generals") Metternich might have put it, financial matters have ramifications that extend beyond the area of financial analysis. In Browne's case, for example, they lead to wilderness survival; he advocates the preparation of a "retreat" to which one can repair when the "crunch" comes, and wait it out. But of course wilderness survival is much more complicated than that. Suppose someone who had been born and raised in the hills considered that there was a significant chance of a forest fire that would make the countryside uninhabitable, and sought to provide for that eventuality by preparing a "retreat" in the city. Obtaining the necessities of survival, and "coping" generally, in any environment (city or country) is a highly specialized art. A few weeks spent camping in the country no more prepares one to live off the land on an extended basis than a three-week vacation in New York would equip one hillbilly to make it in the city. If one really thinks that one's survival depends on surviving in the wilderness, then one should start now. To get some idea of the difficulties involved in adaptation to that lifestyle, read some of the personal histories in *Vomlife* of people who actually have made the decision. Even in the best of bodies well studied, and some camping trips, there remains much to learn about wilderness survival in general, and the peculiarities of the particular setup one has selected, that can only be gained in at least a full year, if not two, of "retreating it." The idea that one can simply strike out on one's own after a few man-weeks (or even months) of prior preparation is sheer city-slicker fantasy.

Compared with Browne's expert analysis of purely financial matters (which I don't really know enough about to criticize in detail), his real conventional wisdom of Armageddon grates. His basic scenario is of an upheaval in the mold of the classical financial panic which he has studied so extensively: a short (perhaps year or two), scary "crunch," which those who have watched for signs can anticipate in time to go to their "retreat," followed by a return to some semblance of normalcy and financial sanity to which the retreaters can come home.

By contrast, consider my "conservative" scenario (i.e., a situation somewhat worse than I would consider most likely which I would want my planning to provide for to provide some margin for miscalculation). I look for a slow decline (perhaps a decade or two, rather than a year or two - too long to survive by "holding my breath" in some temporary retreat), or something like the Roman Empire model - or perhaps like Imperial China in one of her cyclic periods of eclipse. This would be punctuated by a number of sharper convulsions similar to the confiscation of gold in the Thirties, the roundup of the Japanese on the West Coast during WWII, or the wage-price freeze of 1971. Some possibilities are a "freeze on jobs" (i.e., government permission required to hire, fire, quit or take a job); requirement of official permission on a case-by-case basis to travel; "preventive detention" of "seditious elements" (someone like Browne would be particularly vulnerable, given his public reputation); and "requisitioning" all vehicles. Any of these could play nob with retreatist plans. Even Browne failed to see the wage-price freeze as any more than a general possibility; and he been in a position to be hurt by it, he would have been caught completely by surprise. And this sort of "putsch" is always done this way. I was in Paris during DeMouille's troubles with the right-wing Secret Army in Algeria. Fearing an attack on the city, DeMouille moved at night; when we woke up one day, the troops were in the street, tanks were stationed at strategic points, and all people entering or leaving the city were subject to identity checks.

And at the end of this decline, I see no quick return to normalcy. There would be erosion of the central government's powers *de facto* (quite likely no one would really care about the *de jure* formalities), with various localized power centers developing. This would follow the general pattern of the feudal system developing in Europe after the fall or Rome, or the warlord system in China. Perhaps the best compar-

ison would be Europe after Charlemagne: for centuries, the various German principalities, free cities, etc., professed nominal allegiance to the "Holy Roman Emperor" (Charlemagne's title), but the holder of this position had little real authority that he didn't have by virtue of being head of his own baliswick.

Economically, I see a prolonged period of general depression, perhaps like the situation today in Haiti, Portugal or East Germany - no sharp ups and downs; just a general grinding poverty. The market for socialist skills is common, but today will be limited, and marketing them will be risky (placing oneself under the jurisdiction, at least temporarily, of local bosses). Judging from history, it will be a long time, even before the U.S. again becomes the economic and political center of the world that it is today - look at Greece, Rome or England.

So what do I recommend? I start out by assuming that the "troubles" will be worldwide in scope. The Depression of the Thirties was worldwide to a large extent, and the economies of the world (including Switzerland's) are much more closely interlocked now than they were then - particularly in matters of currency. Of course, if one assumes the "crunch" will be significantly less elsewhere, one should move there now and sit back to watch the show. But assuming a worldwide collapse, the need is for some life-style that can be used with minimum inconvenience now; will continue to provide a good living throughout the decline, at least a high degree of security from various convulsions; and that will insure being able to profit from whatever civilised activity remains, and claim a secure place in the rebuilding process.

(The next two reprints are from "Akwesane nation's" publication, *Yin* (p. 100), vol. 1, #1, 1968. Buy a copy (?) postpaid.)

TEPEES DECLARED UNFIT FOR HUMANS IN ASPEN, COLORADO; LACK PLUMBING

Aspen, Colorado - Lemont Kinkade, city engineer here, has been trying to have a number of white youths living in Indian tipis evicted from them, citing "health hazards."

One couple, Steve and Linda Conger, returned home one day to find a notice tacked on the tipi door flap. "NOTICE: Closed. Units for Human Habitation."

The notice went on to list 16 violations of the Uniform Building Code, including no kitchen sink, no hot running water, no bathtub or shower.

The Congers demanded a public hearing, which was attended by over 200 people.

"We made our home safe, beautiful and pollution-free," they said.

The real polluters are the people with two or three homes," he said.

(Thanks to the *Shinarump Gazette*, a newspaper generally about the mountains, and to writer Bill Rullman for this information.)

Modern Medicine: ~~~~~Nothing New To Native Americans~~~~~

With its fancy laboratory and "scientific knowledge" at their disposal, today's pharmacists have not been able to discover one new use for a plant that was not well-known to the native peoples - at the time of Columbus.

In the "druggists" of the field, native people found essentials as diapers, pain-killers, shampoo, even birth control "pills". And researchers still are finding out why some medicines actually do work.

For example, Shoshone, Navajo, and probably Blackfoot Indians relied on stoneweed, a common weed, for an oral contraceptive. Laboratory analysis has disclosed the plant does in fact contain estrogen - the same chemical used in the "pill" of today.

Indian medicine was closely tied to religion, and Indians are reluctant to discuss practices with outsiders. Sometimes medicinal secrets go to the grave with the holder, because there is no young person who is pure or qualified enough to be trusted with such power.

Others still are common knowledge. Toothache, for example, is treated by chewing the root of purple, more commonly known as wild licorice, and holding it in the mouth. Earache is treated by chewing the leaves of the same plant and holding them against the throbbing ear.

Acne is treated by boiling the leaves of fern (wild asparagus or horse mint) and applying them to the pimples.

Puffballs, a type of fungus, is also useful. The soft central portion of a dried immature puffball was held against the eyes to remove foreign objects. It was bound on wounds to stop bleeding, and for the same reason was applied to the umbilical of newborn babies. The spores of the same fungus are sniffed to stop nose bleed.

Moss and the pads of cattails are useful for diapers. Soapweed makes a shampoo that leaves a fine luster on the hair.

When someone has a fever, or gets a headache, the pressed bark of willow was stepped in boiling water. Gums what chemists find in willow bark: salicylic acid - the basic ingredient of aspirin.

For diarrhea, take a root of a cherry tree, boil it and strain it through a cloth. Or boil Indian hemp root in water and use as a rinse to prevent falling hair.

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A photo frank woman could have an easy and absolutely foolproof coding and decoding system if my idea works. The drawback is that it's a little complicated, but not hard to use. The heart of the idea is fiber optics. Glass fibers can be bought in large spools (called roving) with a sinus for the whole spool. It's the cheapest way to buy glass fiber. Wind up a bundle on a board. Then cut both ends. Join the two bundles. Now you can comb the bundle straight. A picture in one end comes out a picture on the other, with stray fibers giving defects in it.

Suppose again that you saw a thread back and forth many times through the center of the bundle, then pulled it straight. The center comes out pretty scrambled, but just to make sure you do it again at right angles to last time. Then put the whole business in epoxy. Picture still comes through. But it won't if you cut it right in the middle. Now the exposed middle face of your bundle, or the ends of your now two bundles only show a pattern of dots for the picture. Photograph this. This is the message. Interception tells nothing. There's no intelligence here at all except sender had a camera and maybe some glass fiber. Is it a column of figures, a photo, text? There's absolutely no clue. Not it is decoded with either the bundle that made it or its mate which is a mirror image. It can be decoded no other way. Computer analysis is a waste of time. (garbage in garbage out.) Electronics frenzy could scan photo and pick out the signals for television type broadcasting. It would sound like real loud "white noise." Decoding would be simple. Place photo on scrambled end. This must be done very carefully. Position is all important. Then read per photograph and enlarge picture coming through other end. Hang onto yer tightie. B (exposed)

there is an article in "Motor" boating & sailing" Oct. 72, on regimentation of small boats, thanks to erect for clipping. It sounds pretty grim for anybody who expects to obey the law.

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Buildings and roads built below the living green surface of the land can restore ground space to life again... This new office that I'm building for myself, an experimental underground building, is based on the best of present-day know-how, but it has been designed for the purpose of testing many of the unknowns still connected with the art of architecture. Not only will the 500 pounds-per-sq.-ft. roof loading be tested, and waterproofing systems checked; temperatures and humidities will be monitored at various levels; power consumptions will be observed under differing conditions, and many kinds of green plants will be tested for use above subsurface structures. If you have experience in any of these fields and are willing to share your knowledge, will you please get in touch with me? There's no time to waste. Malcolm B. Wells, Architect, Box 183, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (from brochure, thanks to Richard)

"Smart but not wise - further thoughts on domebook 2, plastics, and whiteman technology" by Lloyd Kern. From shelter publications, box 279, Collins, Calif. 94924. Not given, Kern now less enthusiastic about domes, more for traditional.

People - We are fellow invisible people who have seen tenting in Europe for two years. Right now we are hidden in alpine glaci, tending heifers. But we are about to start moving again and plan to return to the U.S.; crossing east to west. We'd like to hear more about your ways of life. Joan & Verlin

Dear People: Heard about you and your publication in N.Y.C. We up North here are doing various alternative life-styles and organizing. We also act as a resource center for communicating white happening out here in Canada. Nor Country Faire out here in Canada. Nor Country Faire, Tribe, Box 4827 stn A, Edmonton, Alberta.

A LIFE THUSFORTH At All Fry

Over our short span of years on earth we have come to categorize the dwellers here into two categories: the *domination* and those desiring to be dominated and the *free* and those desiring to be free. Almost without exception the captains of industry dominate. To some extent, hundreds or thousands of others to gain their wealth. They inwardly feel that control of another human being is perfectly justifiable and the majority of persons who work for them feel that such control of men is necessary to a civilized planet. These workers are what I call "the dominated," not because they work for the domination, but because they think such control necessary. On the other hand we have a handful of persons who I call free and a growing percentage of the freedom desirers. Some of the free have reasoned that since their maker or the "all that is" has not interfered with their freedom beyond the point of natural law, they, in turn, to advance to a level beyond the restrictions of Earth, should allow and grant freedom to all. A person is free for instance will take orders from a dominator since the dominator is responsible for the action but the free will not order those under them to act unless the persons under them have a free choice. In conversation this would be a "would you like to?" instead of a "do". This subtle difference of thinking is not too easy to grasp unless one gives it some thought or perhaps can recall the teachings of Christ etc. Those younger persons of today who have rejected society's rules and standards at the expense of comfort and "security" so-called make up the core of what I call the "free" desirers. Unfortunately these persons haven't put it all into a perspective and don't really know what it is necessary to change to bring about a planet under free principles.

On a domination controlled planet it is not difficult to accumulate quantities of the current unit value substance which now is money, without dominating. You can be a public entertainer or perhaps inherent large wealth but generally speaking the free are reduced to smaller business enterprises and public service jobs or must go to work at a "regular" job under some undesired control. I have many friends who are "domination" and just as my creator grants me freedom so do I grant these persons their freedom of choice. However I see a vision of potential for this planet that parallels a paradise beyond most religious pint at. It is a potential of a planet free of domination and limitations. We are part of an awesome universe and I suspect that unless we recognize and use the Free laws existent we will continue to be in quarantine.

WILD EXHIBITS

Approximately 80% of the plants growing in the Western forests are edible. They may not be tasty or particularly flavorful, but they are quite nutritious. Tubers, leaves, flowers, and stems of several plants are edible - boiled, roasted, as greens, or in soups or tea. It's always wise to eat only the plants you are certain of, but many times you will be in a strange area and will not know the plants. The following test may be used: (1) Put a small portion of the plant in your mouth and chew it. Don't swallow! Spit it out and wait to see if there are any ill effects on the mouth or tongue. If not, use it. (2) Swallow a small raw portion. Wait for possible ill effects. If there are none, then - (3) Cook some of the plant (do not add any foreign substance such as salt) and swallow a small bit. If no ill results occur after waiting 2-12 hours, then - (4) Increase

Warren Stevens
Operation Atlantis

Dear Warren Stevens:

7 May, 1972

The following has been reported to me. Frank Traver, manager of Atlantis Motel, and members of his family, were approached by agents of a criminal conspiracy. The criminals were attempting to kidnap and enslave a resident of the motel whom I shall call Vic (for victim).

Reportedly, Traver and family voluntarily supplied information about Vic to the criminals and, in general, 'fully cooperated' with them in their attempt to molest Vic.

I recognize that Atlantis Motel does not claim to be a liberated country or to offer physical protection against criminal attack. Nevertheless, voluntarily supplying information to known kidnapers, which will help them abduct an innocent person, is clearly aiding and abetting coercion.

It is not my intention to be unduly vindictive toward Traver for what might have been only an unthoughtful indiscretion. However I think that Traver is liable, at minimum, for damages and time loss suffered by Vic as a result of Traver's involvement. (If Traver has already made restitution to Vic, or if the affair has been otherwise settled by an arbitrator mutually selected by Traver and Vic, please tell me and I will not pursue this further.)

In the event that Traver does not pay restitution, I do not consider Operation Atlantis liable for damages. (I don't consider an employer liable for acts of his employees, unless the acts stem from his orders.) However I do believe that to exonerate itself, Operation Atlantis must (1) fire Traver; (2) publish a warning about Traver, including descriptions of the guilty members of his family, and circulate this warning in circles where Traver is likely to show, such as to motel owners, businessmen, etc. If Operation Atlantis retains Traver, Operation Atlantis is giving sanction to his criminal act.

I have heard a rumor that Traver was known to be in sympathy with criminal elements long before he was approached by them. If true, this would cause me to have serious doubts about other projects of Atlantis, including ATCOPS. Complying with at-the-point-of-a-gun demands of criminals is one thing. Hiring people known to be in sympathy with criminals and who are likely to voluntarily aid criminals is something else.

Vic is not a personal friend of mine. However I am strongly concerned because I have recommended Operation Atlantis to others.... If Traver continues in your employ and does not make restitution, I intend to publish a warning.... Please do not interpret this as hostility toward Operation Atlantis or toward you personally. I continue to hope that Operation Atlantis succeeds. But I believe that the way to achieve freedom and justice is by living free and acting just. Sincerely, Rayo

7/16/72 Rayo -- Sorry for delay. Read your letter for the first time today; it had been buried in a pile of "to be answered" stuff. Again: sorry.

I believe you are misinformed or at least have misjudged. What questions Frank answered he answered under what he considered to be duress. "Decent American citizen" he does not view agents of the law as criminals. He is not a libertarian in the sense you and I use the term. He was hired to run a motel and he does that superbly well. I cannot fire him, for a replacement would be no better. There is no where in the US to my knowledge available a motel mgr. who would have acted differently. My alternative is to close the motel. Stevens (typed by Rayo)

When I wrote this letter I was under the impression that Traver was ONLY manager of the motel and had no other involvement with Operation Atlantis. I have since heard from a reliable source that Traver oversees other projects of Atlantis as well. Based on what I presently know I would avoid any involvement with OA, ATCOPS, etc. at this time. I am not able to reveal my source. Anyone who seeks further information might attempt to contact former employees of OA by advertising in VOMLINK or Fask MARKET (LC). Rayo

COMMENTS

by Rayo n72

TO "PHALLOPHILIA" (Y-91): You seem to regard community as an alternative to buying hundred-pound sacks of rice. Do you grow ALL your own food? (I don't know of anyone in N. America who does, which is why I ask.) I'm interested in VOM community not primarily for self-sufficiency but for easier/better interfacing with the outside world. I doubt that complete self-sufficiency is presently possible except at an impoverished and non-vonv level.

ABOUT BOATS: I was very interested several years ago in living on a boat, but as I learned more about it, much of my enthusiasm faded. Reasons: Concern about a coast doesn't seem to be as easy as inland. Even along the B.C. north coast, where there are hundreds of thousands or miles of uninhabited coastline (counting all the indentations and islands), most of it is quite steep and rocky and grows only sparse trees and brush (close to the water). Elaborate equipment would be needed to hide a boat bigger than a canoe. Only the bays and deltas have sheltered water and/or heavy forest. Not too many of these are out of sight of the channels and even the ones which are get visited now and then -- there are quite a few fishing boats at times. Ports and navigable waterways, which must be used occasionally if one wishes any contact with the outside, seem to be regimented and patrolled more than are highways, at least in U.S. (In B.C. I don't know.) A boat is roughly three times as costly (counting labor) if one builds one's own as a ven/cruiser/bas in similar condition and with similar capacity. A 25-foot boat provides very little living space. Our ven (not exceptionally large) has as much inside space as a 30-foot trimaran or 35-foot monohull. Even with these drawbacks, the decision between sea and land mobility was a close one for us. A boat has international mobility and can be powered by the wind. (A small boat (under 65 feet) must be sailing boat if it is to be capable of crossing an ocean; a small power boat can't carry enough fuel.) But a boat isn't a panacea. One fantasy I had was to build a submersible houseboat which could be sunk into the mud on the bottom of a bay or delta.

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ARTIFICIAL LANGUAGE (To Paul Doerr): LIBLAN, described in LIBERTARIAN CONNECTION #19 (\$1 from Lisa Dean, Box 90913, Los Angeles 90009) is along the lines you suggest.

RETALIATION (To Paul Doerr): In GREEN EGG #50 you wrote: "I hear the Olympics has been cancelled because of some Arab murderers. Obviously, the Arab govts know who the killers are and support them. If those responsible were hurt -- if a bombing fleet spent an active hour over the Arab capitals, I'll bet the killings would suddenly stop...." Granted that Arab (and other) GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS are criminals and 'fair game', how do you rationalize killing innocent civilians, which would be the inevitable result of your bombing?

FARMS (To Len): My remarks in VL and elsewhere were directed against GOVERNMENTAL farms, i.e. farms with people living in "secret chambers" underneath the barns and haystacks, is NOT a conventional farm. As to food, most agrarians obtain no more of their food by farming than we do by foraging. Around here most of them live off food stamps.

I criticize farming as much as I do because I have seen many a person expend a large part of or life buying and developing a 'remote' ranch or farm in a mistaken effort to increase personal freedom. The ranch is usually so remote that it is known only to the sheriff, tax assessor, postmaster, truant officer, sanitation inspector, etc. The general fallacy, of which agrarianism is a variety, is expecting a PLACE to make one free. A certain place may be more suitable for particular voni ways than somewhere else. It may be a useful tool in achieving freedom. But a place, in itself, doesn't make one free any more than a good set of wrenches makes one a skilled mechanic. A coercer can potentially get anywhere you or I can, and will if something there appeals to his lust for loot and power. Even the most secluded squat-spot or well-buried tunnel is vulnerable to some kind of smoky fire in daylight, makes loud noises, and invites all his acquaintances over to impress them.

TYPE SIZE (To Len): Small type not only saves the publisher printing and postage, but is a convenience for readers who move around or don't have much at-hand storage space (which includes us). All our back issues of VL fit easily in one 9x12 envelope. I wish all magazines and books used type as small or smaller. Incidentally, the reduced printing is easier to read, at least for me, than the full-size ditto pages in VOMLINK 10. Experimentally I tried reading some material which was photo-reduced 7 times -- over 3 times MORE than VL. With my near-sighted eye (equivalent to strong reading glasses), I could read it easily, faster than I can read anything with your style of the magazine. The reduction makes one speak aloud. It is interesting to see some of the headlines which preach so belittlingly about ecology -- with big type, irrelevant pictures, wide margins, huge house ads and much white space all over -- consuming many trees.

VOMLINK (To Len): A disadvantage of Option 3 (which this represents) for the user is the need to fill a sheet (8 pages if 2:1 reduction) before publishing. On the other hand I'm less inhibited about writing things which are only marginally relevant to voni (like some of the footnotes). I am in sympathy with your dislike of upper-case letters. They are an added complication for someone learning to read and write. Yet I find them a convenience when typing -- for emphasis of words, names of books, etc. -- faster than underlining. And they provide a redundant indication of separation between sentences. (In their absence, leaving three or even four spaces after a period isn't help.) What would be ideal would be a typewriter with capital letters the same shape as the lower-case letters, only larger. I still prefer this style of paragraphing. Fractional-line spacing requires extra effort on most typewriters. But I'm switching to Akkido all's paragraph symbol, which approximates the standard proof-reading mark.

PRONOUNS (To Len): I prefer your third-person non-gender pronoun 'le' to 'de/de' which I saw somewhere. 'de' and 'der' are too likely to get confused with 'the' and 'there/their' in phonetic spellings. But 'le's' is time consuming on a typewriter and ambiguous -- is it possessive or a contraction of 'le's'? How about 'ler' for possessive, by analogy with 'you-your', 'they-their'? I'll try using 'el' and 'er'.

PHONETIC SPELLING (To Len, N-10): Why make your use of phonetic spelling conditional on other users adopting one single system? Why not adopt a system, if any, because YOU like it? In addition to the people you mention, Jim Stumm is interested in phonetic spelling and has his own system. I am not especially interested in reforming English. But I do hope that any phonetic spelling system which MIGHT come into use be compatible with those foreign and artificial languages (including Volap) which already ARE phonetic or near-phonetic. Bednar's present system is not compatible. Imagine asking a writer of Spanish, which is already a near-phonetic language, to change "Muchas gracias, Señoría" to "Moochoos gracoos, Seenyawreets", which would be the spelling in Bednar's system. Or, alternately, asking bilingual people to learn two different phonetic systems. English is messy phonetically. ANY phonetic system will seem strange at first to a reader of traditional spelling. So I prefer a system which is efficient and consistent rather than one which has maximum conformity to traditional English spelling. Some advocates of phonetic spelling, including myself, prefer simplicity and standardization to phonetic precision. I prefer to use no more than 26 roman letters for ease of typing, and to spell the same regardless of the accent with which I speak. The one good feature of present English spelling: it is nearly uniform worldwide. Since most communication between people with different accents is in writing, I believe this feature is worth retaining. But other advocates of phonetic writing want precision at all cost. The system I propose here accommodates both camps thru the use of optional diacritic marks. Simplisticists can drop the marks and special symbols; precisionists can use as many as they want. Yet their writings will be mutually intelligible.

SOUND as in

bet, ebb
cheek, cetch, nature
do, bid
fee, phone, rough
go, egg
hail
outhouse, grasshut
jean (Fr. jeansure)
azure, rouge, vision
adjust, fell, gem, edge
kilo, cow, quick, short
ough, Bach, lubon, giro
go, him
no, bitten
canyon, ajorita
singale, sink, ungle
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Sound as in

new, hip
so, sell, kiss
she, ocean, acute, issue
motion, racial
pink, kissed
think, couch
the, feather, ciaged (Sp)
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kilo, access, excess
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father, far	a	ruby, sue, boat, to, route	u
oath	a or o	put, could, book	o or ú
above, cobra, focus	a or o	grün(Ger), duk (Pr)	ü
male, buy, my, eight	ai	you, fax, unit, beauty	yü
mauflrau, com, doubt	au	yes, quick	ü
peco (Sp), chaotic	o or é	what	w or wh
cat, dead, bare, said	o or é		or wh
blair, pray, pain, lane	ei	low, flee, pepel	l
machine, baby, bag, age	i	hell, help, hold	o or ü
bit, begin, myth, tear	o or i	full (accented)	l or ü
peco (Sp), obey	o	purple (unaccented)	l or ü
dgs, far, ought, raw, ball	o or ö	red, wrong, free	r
got, hot, rod	o or a	for, beer, fair	r or F
dough, low, too, sq, coat	o or ö	furry, murder (accented)	rr or F
about, love, cut, what	o or ö	murder (unaccented)	r or F
oil, boy	oi	perp (Sp)	r or F
			rr or F

VARIOUS THOUGHTS ABOUT GROUP MARRIAGE

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A unique new insulating liner is now being made for the Warrilite tents (and) eliminates the need for sleeping bags. The unit hangs from the tent and provides a warm insulated compartment for two, equivalent to two down bags with 4.8" of insulation, yet is fully adjustable for warmer weather. Polyester foam pads underneath provide bottom insulation and comfortable padding, lessening the weight of the unit. The unit is made of plastic and is only one piece, less than a single down bag, and the cost is less than the cost of the two down bags it replaces. The Filmpac insulation consists of 10 layers of aluminized plastic film with 3 inch airspace between layers. The unit is constructed like a small wall tent hanging from the tent frames. An overvalve and closure at the neck of the unit allows the tent to be opened without disturbing the liner, but inside the tent, thus eliminating need for a hood. The neck closure may be regulated for any amount of ventilation for warmer weather use. The wind stability of the tent assures any convection free air between the film layers, thus providing efficient insulation. This information was furnished by a friend who says it is a new method of sleeping. (Letter of Stephen, 23206 Hatteras St., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364. Price is \$97.95/lin.)

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VONULIFE DISTRIBUTION

I'm trying to get vonulife 73 into some newsstands and bookstores - the sort of places which sell mother earth news and whole earth catalog. anyone have any experience with this? suggestions? I've written to about a dozen commercial magazine distributors in big cities and to one supposed 'underground press' sort of distributor but don't have high hopes. somebody wrote in libertarian connection that sine distribution is controlled by the mafia. maybe it's time for vonuans to start their own distribution net. anyway, if you are doing some thing which takes you around to a lot of alternate book stores maybe you can make some extra change distributing vonulife 73. I can sell you v.73 for 40¢ a copy if you take 500. (the reason 500 is a magic number is that they are already packed and stored in boxes that way so there's not much handling.) I'll also buythem back at 40¢ a copy, so you aren't out anything except freight one way if they don't sell. smaller quantities are 50¢ each plus 50¢ a shipment. anyone know where to get an up-to-date list of alternate bookstores? I sent up a muck several months ago - asked them if they had a list - also for suggestions on distributor - never heard back. if vonulife can get big circulation it will encourage lots of people to do vonu things and get in touch with each other and then lots of vonuans and alternate economies and free enterprises and parallel communications can really boom. some will say this will also draw the attention of unfriendly sorts. but right now I don't think they have the troops nor the popular support for any big program. so now is a good time for peaceful people to discover themselves and each other so they can find each other when they need each other. all in all I think v.73 is a good issue. but haelan, rayo and al fry can take most of the credit. if it hadn't been for their writings there wouldn't have been much of an issue. I had hoped to get at least one article from almost every vonulink subscriber - each of you must know more about something relevant to vonu than do most others. but it didn't work out that way. several people who read the articles which came in asked me why I left out most of my own. no, it wasn't modesty. I just didn't get around to finishing them. but they'll be in v.74 (unless I get better things on those subjects). some articles including several by al fry came too late for v.73 so they are in here and some of them will make it into v.74.

I hope to get most articles for v.74 in early and run them first in here so there is time to get feedback. I'll pay a bonus - at least 1/8¢ a word more for any article I use in v.74 which arrives before Jan 1, 1974. I paid 1/8¢ a word for what is in v.73 (except for some of rayo's articles with whom I have a different arrangement). I've sent cash or money order to authors due more than \$5. to others I'm extending subscriptions unless you ask for cash. I'm also extending subscriptions for helpful items in vonulink which didn't make it into v.73. (if you had more than 800 words in and haven't received a money order, write.) 1/8¢ a word isn't much - not even as much as mother earth pays. I think, but vonulife is still on a shoestring. if v.73 goes into a second printing (sells over 10,000 copies) I'll pay some more royalties. there weren't any ads in v.73 partly because not many came in. but also I wasn't sure until the last minute how it would be printed. if it was heavy I would want to send it book rate and the p.o. says books can't have ads in them. but I put in contact info for people who seemed to want it ("special information sources"). thanks again to the authors and typists. lan

INVEST IN AMERICANA

V.L. people with any storage facilities whatsoever should pick up every conceivably collectable over a few years old (that's free or very cheap) that can be packed rated away. The nation as a whole is 'collection mad' and anything with 'flavor' and appeal to it is going to about double in price in the next couple of years and as we mentioned in H.T.S.T. Depression may be better than money if things continue in the direction. I'm not clever at all but I can double my money on every little mini-\$ scouting trip purchase I make. it's getting harder though and if you in the outlook enough the better. going through a few antique shops will give one a feeling for the 'needs'. perhaps we can get into this a little deeper. Al Fry

-(lan)

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The following is in response to Rayo's letter on Group Marriage in Vonulink 11. It blows my mind! To wit: (no, that's the trouble... no wit at all... just the collection of all this Apollonian, algebraic abstraction) it seems Rayo gives it away in his statement that "...G and I have not tried swinging for fear of disease and of emotional involvement with people tied to that society, so we have no first hand experience in this area". I have sat in on several multiple menages and swingers groups as referee and father-confessor and so will claim some 1st hand knowledge.

First, it seems that this occupation with mathematics and formulas of how to do things, who lives with whom, sleeps with- has kids with- etc, etc., is a disease of the mind endemic with those who lean toward Group marriage ideas.....and is also usually the triggering mechanism which breaks them up. The group marriage gang would probably categorize themselves as super-liberated people, when in fact they are very hung-up with proprietary concepts. Ownership and control are deeply imbedded in their thinking and the idea of a bunch of free spirits coming together on any level, including sexually, is highly threatening to them. Structure and regulation must be maintained, so they do in fact figure out all sorts of elaborate formulae for regulating each other. Eventually the strictures of multiple complex regulation of multiple relationships get so heavy they can't even live with it and things disintegrate. It seems to me that the first step these folks should consider is Group Divorce! In order to implement the liberal ideas they espouse it would make more sense for them to appear on masse at the Court House and apply for a Group Divorce on the grounds the State is meddling in the private affairs of individuals and projecting itself uninvited into a contractual arrangement between two people as a third party. Let's get Nixon out of the bedroom!

Next, your reasons; fear of disease and emotional involvement are arguments commonly used by proponents of both swinging and Group Marriage. Both factions have some vague idea that only a special kind of person goes into their thing possessed of the hygienic sophistication to avoid disease and know-how to contend with it in event it surfaces. Additionally most G. Marriage-types presume that by internalizing contacts outside infection would be avoided. I don't condone this precious thinking here...only record it. The G. Marriagees contend emotional involvement is ok, while the swingers avoid it like the plague. So, these arguments are being bent to serve the purposes of either group.

Now if G. and you are saying your fear of emotional involvement with those in the Silly Society could set up torsions with in you, that's understandable and Bully for you. I'm happy to hear you are capable of emotional involvement, but what of those not immersed in that other society...what of your own kind of people? And, is fear a legitimate basis for non-action?

I submit that g-marriage, being basically non-libertarian is not relevant to Vonu. Swinging, involving a physical-emotional split and being devoid of emotional involvement, responsibility and limiting of emotional expression is neither libertarian nor Vonu.

Seems to me G. and you have a different choice: Either you find yourselves compatible and in rapport and as free mates elect to exclude others from your intimate lives just because you are so pleased to do that. (which is OK with me), or you decide that whoever compatible you may be, that as truly free people....as autonomous individuals you may also elect to broaden your emotional involvements with other like-minded people who share your ideas and commitments and with discretion and responsibility include others in your intimate lives (which is also OK with me). I submit either of these choices is relevant to Vonu....and moving a war and less personal application...that this is really the choice of Vonuans generally. Carry on!

E.

Feb. 4, '73

To Vonulink. Thanks for trying again. I'm still here. I also am confused by the vonulink - split? I mean, is this it? You're going to make 2 different newsletters so each will have circulation less than 100? Why bother? Why not just refuse additional subscriptions? But criteria would determine what material went in each newsletter? What if I really needed to know something that only appeared in the other one? Etc. Hope for further explanation. About kids, now, and schools. It is very easy to drop your kids out of sight of the public system without any hassle - probably easier in town, in fact, than in the less populous rural areas. My kids (then ages 5,7 and 10) did not attend school at all for over a year, no trouble with anyone, no 'keeping out of sight', no worrying (their dad worried, but then, he's a worrier). The way to do it is outlined concisely in a book called NO MORE PUBLIC SCHOOL by H. Bennett (from Random House - just shows how respectable it's getting). Briefly - just follow their rules. Tell them you are going to a) move, b) travel extensively, c) send them to private school. Probably you'll never hear another word. It would be a little trickier in rural areas where there's only one school any local kid could be expected to go to - but the prospect doesn't, really bother me and if I want to do it again, I'll do it. Did you know congress passed a law to assign s.a. numbers to all first graders? Incentives are increasing. By the way, registering a kid's birth, contrary to popular opinion, gives no one any handle on him. In fact I think multiple registration is a great idea. I was too lazy to do it for my youngest, but if there was another I'll register on in several different counties under several different names (the reg. office did not ask me for any I.D.). I'll tell you about my life style except I can't see that I've got any. But I really appreciate your newsletter. K. portland, ore.

to K. I wish I'd gotten your letter in time for v.73. would have saved me from writing the piece that covered the same ground about schools. did you have neighbors? did you move around a lot? what would have happened if a neighbor had complained? what did the kids do during school hours? do you think it was partly luck in having all good neighbors (if you did)? did the kids go back to school after a year? now come! maybe you'll write some more about this for v.74. and I'd like to hear from others with experiences of this kind. about the split - I don't know yet if there will be one, depends on how much 'competition' vonulink gets. but if there is one the things likely to be of interest to most people will be reprinted in vonulife or/and printed on postpages (which go into all the links). lan

Dear VonnLife - Nearly a year ago I sent for 3 back issues and then we were busy up in the Maine woods working on our school bus camper. I think I left your copies up there. We have had good luck of making a V.M. bug big enough to sleep in. We got one kit for 9.95 from Whitneys - the big auto suppliers. We thought the kit would be for both seats but alas! Just one. Ever since then we've ordered 4 times and have to send back a wrong kit because our '58 bug takes a special kit with certain attachments. BUT, never the less 2 people CAN live in a V.M. bug. You have to remove the rear seat and that gives you lots of space. We also have a Swedish made hickory stove and can cook in the bug too. We haven't tried our stove yet. Do any of you have one? What is the right way to start it? We used canned heat previously. Cave living must be great. We've been to the big ones - public - especially Merrimack Caverns in N.H. - Jessie James old hideaway. It's huge and always the same temperature. Have any of you spent time around Albuquerque? There's something magic about the Sandia Mountains to me. Also hope to get to Mexico - any ideas or pointers? We do a lot of "crafts". Right now I'm making geo-dome inspired patchwork large pillows and they really are gorgeous and to think they are made from rags. Boston Center for the Arts is having a giant Flea Market Sunday and we are going to try and sell our various crafts. What do you do for crafts? Hoping to hear from one of you, Marie Arredondo, 166 Alley St., Lynn, Mass. 01903. Do write! Have you heard anything about Sun River couple buying the real old African Queen and making it livable? Found her all shot to hell in the orient I think. I'm trying to dream up a raft affair to drive a camper onto and making an "instant" boat home - or floating home - strictly on paper now. Any ideas on house boats? M.

Hi Ian, have not forgotten your note about writing articles, but 2/27 haven't really been doing any of the things mentioned (travelling, free lance typing) and also typewriter isn't accessible right now. Am planning to send something when I get to it, tho I don't know how I will do as objective reporter. What I am writing about is I recall seeing something in V1 that vehicles are registrable in ore by mail, requiring only a street address. I would appreciate very much if you know of anyone willing to have their address used and/or if it's safe to use an address and mail address. State of Ore. has made insurance compulsory and with severe engine problems in chevy van I don't need any more expenses (rather, I don't have it) (for fee). I'm inadvertently rushed since this new law is recent and my present registration runs out mar. 31, any info/advise appreciated. thanks. susanne

(this is probably too late to do you much good - sorry but your letter didn't catch up with me until just recently - and probably couldn't have helped anyway. Does anybody in Ore. (or?) have an address susanne could use? you might just try writing Ore. M.V. dept., salem, I think. say you are now a resident of Ore. but on a temporary job in the east. give your Ore. residential address (motel picked out of yellow pages) but tell them to send mail to your temporary eastern address. say you'd rather register van in your home state because you'll be moving back in a few months and don't want to change (nat.). I think you could get plates and at least temporary title this way but I don't know. complication would come when ore. sends out renewal notice which would go to Ore. address. maybe by that time you'd have a forwarding address, or else you could write the mail - tell them there was a mix up - that you were going to be staying there but had a change of plans - lay \$1 on them - and ask them to please forward any mail. it might work. I haven't tried it. you might write several different states and see which seems easiest to deal with and give the best price. Louisiana used to be cheap. anybody know about nev? mont? (they didn't use an address and one half. is no good. their fees are high and they try to collect a sales tax on cars coming in. insurance i'm not sure about (I haven't had wheels for a while). ore. supposed to be pretty cheap registration and no sales tax. anybody have experience with other states? Ian)

Dear Vonn Life, We are much like you in activities and philosophy. We evolved from a small sports club to survivalists and then to living free. We are very much into introducing new people to outdoor living and educating them in the skills needed to live free. We feel that small organizations communicating with each other directly or through publications such as Vonn Life are more conducive to liberty than large national organizations. We have a small publication (The Ziondora Dispatch)... We are especially interested in alternative economic systems. You might be interested to know that our group plans to wash cars every weekend so that we can raise money to be used to buy wilderness land (before the developers get at it). This land would be used only for teaching outdoor living skills and as a camping place for our members and friends. Keep up the good work. James C. Jones, 11123 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60628

to vonu life, once whilst walking somewhere in texas i found a wooden bridge maybe 100 feet in length. it was late autumn maybe, because it wasn't warm as it used to be. as we walked along the road by the left bank a glowing white yellow light came crossing directly over the tops of the trees on the far bank and dispersed itself into the trees until it disappeared, evidently near the ground somewhere i suppose. we sort of went "AH", "WHAT", "SEEM" and some other things. and i started running across the bridge for some reason i don't know and was followed by the rest. on the other side where the light had lit there was a house. whilst crossing the wooden bridge with the very rusty metal everything i heard "Jonnie, Jonnie!!" coming from someone's mouth somewhere. then, once on the other side we saw the house, lights like a home and approached. no one was there, even my friends. just me and a feeling i had been standing a very few latitudes north too much. this actually happened to me and your vonu life just sort of reminded me of it. my truck has a broken something but i didn't really like it completely because it is the first and only one i've had. i'm 26 and got it last year. i don't have a license because i've lived in a cave quite nicely and a tipi too and a two story tree house. i paint in oils and actually am quite a quite schizophrenic and read mario polo. my mom a french gypsy and dad's hungarian. lived in europe and drank myself into burning an american flag with the underground on t.v. cameras. mostly i live on the coast line. i used to live in silver city. it reminds me of cave junction for some reason. well i'm going to mail this to your address wherever you are. i live in ... washington. but i am going to live in utah's logan city somewhere... so au biento, Billy

Greetings! Keep seeing your ads popping up... We truck Feb. 9, 1973 camp in our home brew rig and are thinking of going full time. Free city park in Sterling, Colo. (nice). Free city park in Artesia, N.M. - 3 day limit. Huge BLM land - free. Lake McMillan north of Carlsbad, N.M. - camp right on lake - turnoff is not marked on main road. Fallie, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Vonn Life People, ... City vonu, vehicle nomadism, boat living, and wilderness living interest me in that order. By now I fall I hope to be living in my van on the streets of New York where I go to school. Commuting is expensive and a real drag. Is there any information around on tapping into phone lines? Eagle Claw

Hi, Got your address from a Mother Earth News. Sounds like a good thing... And since you have a Cave Junction address we must be neighbors and might even already know each other. Come and visit us - we live walking distance from ... on land owned by a lumber company. They already told us we have to move and that's after being here for almost a year. The Rainbow Family

Looked up on the map where Paradise is located. Is this a good area for vonu or just a good mail drop? I remember Oroville (nothing there), but the woods up towards LaPorte looked promising (a lot of gold miners and prospectors during warmer months, not to mention rattlers). Good Luck! W. Crescent City, Calif.

(the people who did vonu life before me had there isn't any particular concentration of vonuans near there (or anywhere else that I know of). a concentration would be vonuans. there are little groups and families and individuals scattered here and there. most of the sixkayu region seems to be good for vonu, once one gets away from the few towns and highways and tourist attractions. which spots are best depends a lot on what somebody is looking for.)

Dear Folks, I'm gonna start looking for land in the South Western states (N.M., Ariz., Colo.) come this April and Spring. I don't have much money and have dilutionary (perhaps) visions of finding a small (2-5 acres) plot of land for a thousand dollars. Or perhaps some place that can be obtained thru paying off the unpaid taxes on abandoned property. My needs in type of environment are suited towards the cheaper types of land (i.e. - would be satisfied to live in semi-arid conditions (plains) as long as water is obtainable. Also would like to be within "commuter" distance of mountains. David, Denver

Dear Friend, We've enjoyed your issues 3 thru 9 immensely. After months of planning and organizing, we're moving into our wagon. Your publication has helped us become more conscious of our intentions, and to reevaluate our place amongst the growing number of nomads. I, too, believe caution and self preparation are of great importance in the years ahead. But I feel you (by you, I mean the overall tone of VonnLife) are sometimes oppressively paranoid. We can easily reach a point at which we cause to happen the very things we fear. And by constantly dividing mankind into "bludges" and "vonnans" you erase a large portion of humanity. I don't believe such divisions are now necessary. They are, in fact, dangerous. We need wider, broader vision than this attitude fosters. Will, N. Ia.

A lot of people seem unaware of relatively cheap sources of dried (organic) foods by mail order. One I use is Jaffe Bros., PO Box 636, Valley Center, IA 52082 (Brown rice 25¢-45¢, Dried figs 20¢-31¢, Dates 30¢-39¢, Peanuts 25¢-31¢, all plus postage). Another one that ships postpaid is Natural Sales Co., Box 25, Pittsburgh, PA 15250. Their catalog looks like a pill factory, but they also sell plain food. This might not be cheap compared to do-it-yourself, but it's way under local grocery stores, and the nearest source of most such foods is 300 miles from where I live (this county is bigger than two eastern states, but has less than 10,000 people). In 1948 one summer in the mountains in California a bunch of us used a simple way of receiving mail -- it might still work in 1973. One man wimpy asked the rural mail carrier if he would deliver to a box by the road even if there was no house by it. He said yes, give yourself a group name, mark it on the box. Every noon one of us hiked down the trail to the box. I merely mention this as a simple way of getting food and other bulky things delivered within walking distance. If you're really hiding and scared, it would not work, but a lot of your writers seem to use trucks anyway, which are pretty obvious items.

Sir, Your VonnLife is a very timely newspaper for those of us with not much money. I hope I am wrong: we are headed for a depression, then war. 1929 over again, the only difference, we have social security, and those living on it could get away from these cities if they had someone to guide them. And VonnLife is doing a good job, even if some of your pages are a little difficult to read.

The tele phone co. and other large co. get rid of vans when they lose their tax benefits and are good buys. In VonnLife 9 on 3rd page a man wants a folding bicycle. I have one at 1/3 cost or will trade for something. Coast Ent., 25114 Palm Dr., Long Linda, Cal. 92354

Dear Sir, I read a book "Looking Backwards" - best seller 100 years ago. He advocated divide gross national product by the number of people. Since we are not likely to have that system in the foreseeable future and the second coming of 1929 is not far the readers of VonnLife should try sprouted food. Cheaper and more food value. Also recycling potatoes, onions, garlic, turnips and carrots. You cut eyes out of potatoes, eat the rest, plant eyes, potatoes will be small. Onions green, eat tops, leave one inch above root, plant in damp ground. Big onions, cut around onion and use, leave green silver in middle and plant. Spoiled onions plant in ground. Garlic same as good dry onions. Turnips and carrots use them leaving 1 inch on top. I do not think they grow but you will have good greens. Potatoes can be planted on top of ground. Cover with leaves or weeds. Keep moist. If water is scarce, get soap with oil base instead of lye. Like palm olive. And use dishwater on garden. Before starting out, on foot or van, you should have a list of people in the vicinity where you are going. The readers of these newsletters or magazines are friendly. Mildred Loomis, Green Revolution; Madeline Murray Ohara Newsletter; Rodale's Organic Gardening; Homeopathic Digest. I have a folding bike but how am I going to get it to Vallejo, Calif? Social security number, drivers license, armed services serial numbers, postal service are not confidential. I am interested in starting a credit union, also a place where vonu people could acquire skills easily learned. Let's hear from people who are interested. C. Madera, Cal.

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WIND GENERATOR

March 14, 1973

To Len:
(About time I renewed my free subscription by sharing my situation.) No longer very nomadic. I got around Portland and its environs a lot as my friends and I are fixing up a house in the woods in exchange for three years free rent. I teach every Tuesday evening from 7-10 pm at Portland Community College, Sylvania Bn. B1307. The class is on geodesic domes: sun, wind, methane and water power; inflatable structures and, mainly, on anything that helps people become more independent by giving them some of the skills they need to survive. I really find myself focused on acquiring all the knowledge and know-how needed to design and build your own home and power it independently of the power company umbilical cord. As a practical application of all this, we are building a 15' diam., 3-blade wind generator to power our wood furnace blower and water pump up on the ridge where we live and in class we are building a 30' diam., 4-frequency, 1/2 sphere dome for a local artist. I have found Jim Stumm's methane power bibliography very useful and, since I learned a lot about windmills from Hans Meyer (Windworks, Rt.3, Box 329, Mukwonago, Wisc. 53249) I'd enjoy passing it on.

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You can read about WINDWORKS in the Nov. 1972 issue of Popular Science where there are plans for a small and portable windmill. It generates 1 horsepower in 10 mph wind, 2 HP in 20 mph, 6 HP in 30, 16 HP in 40. The 15 footer, using the same glider airfoil shape and constructed the same way out of Hexcel paper and fiberglass, gives 1 HP in 10 MPHe, 6 HP in 20, 18 in 30, and 45 in 40 mph wind. People interested in all this can also read the article I wrote for the Portland Scribe (3032 SE Belmont, Portland, Ore. 97214 - 50¢ cover postage and handling) "Wind Power" issue, Jan. 6-12, 1973, issue #46. It is a good starting place as it explains how the blades rebuild and full of pictures taken in the workshop. Visitors are welcome to the class. And anyone who sends me a self-addressed 35¢ stamped manila envelope will get a whole bunch of stuff I've gathered on wind power. I'd be interested in where they're located, the topography and average wind speed so I can explain what's possible for them. Later, Lee Johnson, 5300 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR 97229, (503) 292-3074

A SOLAR SAUNA

I have recently built a solar heated structure that readers may find interesting. I'm sitting in it now as I write this. These are the weather conditions here at present: temperature, 23 degrees F, winds, 5 to 10 MPH, sky, partly sunny with a thin haze, time now is 3:00 in the afternoon. This structure, which I call a solar sauna, is sitting in the field out behind my house. The solar sauna sits on a plastic ground cover which is lying on the snow. It is entirely unheated, except by the sun. I'm sitting inside completely nude, & I'm quite comfortably warm. In fact, if I stay here too long, I will probably get a sunburn.

The structure is made mainly from corrugated cardboard. I pasted up cardboard boxes out flat, 5 layers thick, with wallpaper paste. The grain of each layer runs at a right angle to the preceding layer. This gave me a building material that was 3/4 inch thick, fairly rigid, light, a good insulator, & dirt cheap (cardboard was free). Also sheets could be pasted up to any size even if only small pieces of cardboard were used. Edges were trimmed off strate, & edges & surface cracks & holes were pasted over with strips cut from paper bags using flour & water paste. All sides of the solar sauna except one are made of cardboard. The exception is made of clear plastic stapled over a light wooden framework.

The structure has basically the shape of a regular tetrahedron (3 sided pyramid). The equilateral triangles are 4 feet on each edge & there is a collar of 3 rectangles around the bottom which raises the pyramid up 10 inches. This forms just about the smallest structure that one person could sit inside of in any comfort. To sit inside crosslegged with your back to one corner is the only possible position. The panels of the sauna were put together with masking tape. It was painted on the outside with varathane for waterproofing & on the inside with aluminum paint to get a highly reflective finish.

The top pyramid just sits loosely over the bottom collar. Altho the top overlaps the bottom section, the construction is a little sloppy & edges don't meet perfectly. Some cold air does blow in, but it feels like a refreshing breeze. (I'm sweating quite a bit now.) The structure sheds rain & snow fairly well & stays dry inside, but after a couple weeks out in the weather, the water is seeping up from underneath, waterlogging the bottom. The plastic may do more harm than good by holding water like a saucer. Probably the bottom panel should be made of wood & raised up off the ground. The upper panels remain completely sound. Only the masking tape is coming a little loose on the inside. This structure is stable in winds to 20 mph & perhaps higher without being weighted down. The tetrahedral shape means the transparent side catches the sun's rays for most hours of the day, without having to move the structure, as long as it points generally south, & there are no dark (cold) corners inside. No other shape would do this as well. You feel no cold or wind inside. The inside is a bright, cheerful environment. It makes sunbathing on any somewhat sunny winter day possible, & costs zero in fuel.

Use this structure as being of considerable interest to wilderness vonuans who are planning for survival during the winter in a cold but sunny locale. This structure can be built quickly & easily by one person, costs almost nothing, & will keep you warm with no expense for fuel down to perhaps zero degrees of temp & 20 mph of wind. The only drawback is that this structure is too small to stay in comfortably for long. I'm thinking about a similar structure which would be a tetrahedron with 10 foot edges. This would give a unit big enuf for 2. You could stand, sit, or lie down in it. Even such a structure wouldn't be a complete solution, since the sun won't be shining all the time. But in combination with a good sleeping bag, much of the warmth maintenance problem would be solved.

This structure has certain drawbacks. For one, it isn't portable. But maybe a portable structure (backpackable?) could be constructed on the same principle. Also it would be highly visible & conspicuous. But then, it could be hidden in trees & brush as long as the south side is left open to the sun. And it may not be as visible as far off as a column of smoke rising from a wood burning heater. There's condensation on the inside of the plastic, probably from my breath, but it's not a problem if you avoid touching the plastic. It may reduce the heating effect of the sun by cutting down on the transparency. There's no condensation on the other surfaces & they are warm to the touch.

As I get out of the solar sauna 2 things strike me vividly: I really am sitting on the ground in the middle of all this snow, & it really is cold out here.

Just passing along some information in case anyone can make good use of it. The coding of social security numbers works like this: The number is nine digits in the pattern 000-00-0000. The first 3 digits designate the office where the number was issued, e.g. 097 would be the Albany, NY office (I don't have a listing of office codes available). The next 2 digits tell when the number was issued; not the year, but the series. Currently they're in the 70's or 80's. The last 4 digits identify the individual. Jim Stumm/Box 29, Hiler Branch/Kenmore, NY 14223

OKUNAGAN WILDERNESS SCHOOL

RAYCO... not too much to say about Okunagan Wilderness School right now except that it's pretty far from being a "school" in any common sense of the word. As you know, we went all out for several years - going after boarding students and individuals who were open enough to live with the absolute freedom that our environment permits, and talented enough to free those city-raised boarding kids.

We ran into lots of trouble: first of all, most of the people were from the U.S., which means that they had no experience at all either with wilderness or with themselves. Mainly, they were just so "trip-oriented" that they couldn't see what was actually happening around them at any given time. Likewise with the older kids, although the younger ones were less of a problem.

We've always had our visitors - the ones who were decent enough to let us know they were coming - camp by themselves for awhile before making contact with them; that solved the outside infection problem as well as getting them un-strung a bit before trying to relate with them. After a time, we realized that everyone over the age of about 12 was going to need some time to become acquainted with life, so we would have each couple camp alone in an isolated area, totally wild and untouched, for maybe a week, then they would split up and camp alone for another week. Then their kids, if any, would join them for another week, followed by a week with another family who'd done the same or who was already with us. This "therapy" solved nearly all the problems.

The only trouble from the bludge came from the fact that the Dept. of Immigration and Manpower was very much concerned about all these Americans coming in without legal status in Canada; they'd be subject to deportation if they looked for work or found it necessary to use our free medical or hospital care, or went after welfare. So we got carefully looked over. This was when the flow of exiles from U.S. fascism was at its peak anyway, so the Mounties were really hopping trying to keep up with all of them. In case you don't know it, there are about 200,000 American exiles now in Canada (not "a few hundred" as Nixon says frequently) and many others in Sweden.

A big visitor problem was dogs; we made it quite clear to those who wrote ahead that we couldn't take any Lassie-trips, but lots of people tried dropping in. Many failed to find us, but most of those who did have a dog or two with them. One of our guys just looked up one day and saw a dog racing toward him through a garden of seedlings; he grabbed his rifle and shot it dead without a second thought. And a few minutes later these two Californians came wandering in yelling their dogs name over and over. Stuff like this kept us uptight that whole summer. Our wildlife doesn't like dogs, our gardens don't like dogs, our concern for health, serenity and nice peaceful wholeness doesn't like dogs. Aside from that, just the sound of a dog barking - or someone barking at a dog - is too much to take out here.

So anyway we're getting back now to what we originally intended: a bunch of hermits, hermit couples, hermit kids, living wild and free over thousands of miles of wilderness. The 150 acres of "backlot" property has become our "village"; a place to come together, trade, make things, grow the food, and goof around. We spend evenings often just enjoying the beauty of young happy faces, eyes shining in the firelight.

I was just thinking how long it takes us city people to get free. This is my 14th year living "out-of-doors" and most of that time in truly wild places. But it took awhile to become... I guess I'll call it non-verbal; when the mind-chatter went away, and everything seen, smelled, heard, touched and tasted was experienced directly without breaking it all down into words. Direct sensual experience. I'd guess that many of our Native people enjoy open senses too, but I wonder how many whites? Maybe just some of us Vonn types who've been able to overcome the heavy conditioning which causes us to intellectualize everything. Comments anyone?

Well, I should type this over but I'd probably make just as many mistakes and slop it up, and I don't have a better ribbon either.

I have Vonnlike copies #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; would like to have all others; really want to hear how my kindred souls are making out.

Tom Anderson

TOM

KEEPING IT ALL WARM by Al Fry

Blundering along these years in such a 'hard' world has toughened my brain far more than it has my body. The problem of keeping warm has been of course one of the problems and a skinny frame seems to exaggerate the problem at times. Time was when I worked in the E.W. in the Summer and spent what I could of the Winter in Mexico but sort of couldn't find 'my' people down there. Now I hover in Southern Calif. during the worst months at least. But there are times.

We were onto down coats in the early '50's but it is an expensive proposition. Have lost \$50 coats and ruined my frame of mind for weeks. Still find myself afraid to leave the darn things sitting in unlocked vehicles. But tis true there is nothing so nice. Far is something I love and feel a lot easier about eling over my seat. After all who would want to wear such a hairy greasy smelly wonderful thing but me. I have friends who tell me they keep just as warm with the fur side out. But I think it depends - old shorter hair fur coats of the rebuilt 'goodwill' variety seem to hold heat well hair out but 'baby' when it's cold I put my goat hair job on with the furry stuff in. Once some seems age I spent a hard earned \$30 for one of the Mexican bulky knit wool jobs in San Francisco. Still have it, but found that they could be found across the border for half the price and are a little too susceptible to snags to suit me. Mixed alcohol and Jasmolin together and painted it over to get some of natural oil - water repellant back. Was very warm but needed a nylon windbreaker in windy weather.

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Last month I made the local 'swap meet' and saw a fellow sitting down with a down coat that I fancied and after running off at the mouth and waving a \$10 bill at him for a time, I guess he temporarily lost control cause it's now my newest coat. Sort of have a guilty conscience though - when I left the guy looked sort of lost and cold.

Synthetic sweaters are like all other pure synthetic materials. They tend to exaggerate body odors very quickly - something wood rats like me don't need. The greatest thing I can put next to my skin is wool. Some can't do it but I love it and it minimizes natural odor. Fell in the ocean one rainy miserable day last month in Baja, Mex. and would have been a cold rat if it had not been for the wool I always keep in the car for such misaps. I love silk and linen but haven't had too good of luck with silk lasting and linen is awfully hard to find. Cotton is great if you have washing facilities and can change as required. In fact it's such a good blotter that a person could go batheless if he changed often enough.

Anyway, to get back on the track, I think that for warmth it doesn't make any difference if you are wearing down or stuffed saw dust as long as the inches are there. This is especially true in sleeping gear and shows why foam rubber is such a good cheap insulation. It's thick and not full of thin spots.

For years I have been latching onto every 91 down and feather bag that I can find under \$4 (swap meets, etc.). I usually sleep in them until they become oily and then I rip them up for the stuffing. In my van I have a winter comforter made from such sources and I huffed it well enough so that it is a solid 3 or 4 inches throughout. Down proof cloth is hard to find but cotton ticking works and 'rip stop' fine weave nylon can be found in a few yardage shops for a dollar a yard (gulp). I don't like to sleep next to nylon but often use a cotton liner in such situations. Cotton bags are great for a while but get oily too quickly and washing is a hassle - never use anything but soap (bar, etc.). (Try your Amway or Basic H and you'll find a pile of crud where feather should be.) Also while I'm at it, get yourself a big spool of nylon sewing thread and forget the ridiculous flimsy cotton stuff that can let you down months ahead of when -. Enough for the rest of your life shouldn't run you more than \$3.50 in a big city garment district and if you get ten you can sew about any color of material. You can make some nice things if you tighten up the sewing machine tension spring enough to get a good tight stitch. And you don't have to soil your soul for down either. I have thrown in handfuls of downy stuff from lots of satin birds.

Space age materials with reflective properties have come a ways since I bought one of the duralumin-floath bags in the '50's, but didn't see anything to earth shaking then and probably wouldn't now. Anyhow if this keeps someone from going out and spending a lot of hard core shockies for 'commercial' new stuff then I'm doing my warmest.

WHAT THE IRS CANNOT FORCE YOU TO DO

Numerous court decisions have established that certain illegal demands normally made by the IRS upon citizens cannot be enforced if the citizen claims his rights under the Constitution. Some are as follows: You do not have to answer questions asked by the IRS. You do not have to produce your private records. You do not have to obey a summons issued by the IRS. The IRS has even admitted the above in senate hearings but strives desperately to prevent this from becoming widely known. (this is from a sheet distributed by Marvin L. Cooley, 585 East Baseline Road, Mesa, Arizona 85204. Cooley also distributes The Big Bluff "one hundred twenty-eight pages of legal information on how the average American citizen can protect himself from the illegal tactics of the Internal Revenue Service", for \$5.)

UNLICENSED DOCTORS

In the yellow pages of the Manhattan, New York city, telephone directory there are listed about 6,500 names under "Physician." According to a survey conducted by the office of the State Attorney General approximately 9 percent of these are unlicensed doctors. The Brooklyn yellow pages contained 13.8 percent who were practicing without authorization. (from ANEXO, March 22, 1973)

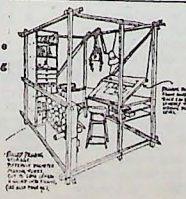
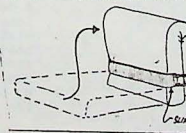
POTASSIUM PERMANGONATE

Have had people ask where to get the wonder solution Potassium Permanganate since it is prescription stuff now. Well you go down to your feed store again - they use it in chicken water to keep the birds inside in good shape. Dilute it until it is a faint purplish hue. Infections clear up if soaked in it and every woman should use it faithfully as a douch if they are bedding down with more than one partner. Not only prevents VD but gets rid of the cancer virus, etc. which causes a great percent of middle age women to have female problems. "Studies have shown nuns and celebrities don't usually have the problem" and occurrence is less in a one mate relationship." Refer to How to Survive the Depression. Alfalfa Frank

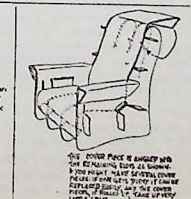
Fast Furnishing

Do you want to know "how to build and where to buy lightweight furniture that folds, collapses, stacks, knocks down, inflates, or can be thrown away and recycled"? Read Nomadic Furniture by James Henney and Victor Papanek, to be published this month

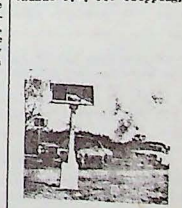
by Pantheon Books. A manual of furniture design for those who find themselves increasingly on the road, the book is a design accomplishment in itself. The text is not set in type; it is, rather, drafted by the authors. So are the excellent illustrations. If the anxiety of moving your possessions is upon you, this book may be your refuge.



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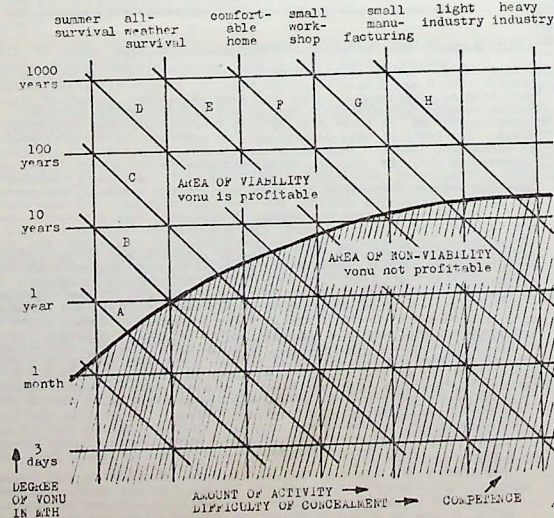


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Traffic spy
Orbis III may be watching you. Orbis is an electro-optical traffic monitor that checks your road speed. Going too fast? Orbis will take a picture of your car and you, and your license plate, and record location, time, date, and posted speed. Orbis is a branch of LTV Aerospace.

least weekly; transportation at least monthly. Export products may include research/development, fabrication of small special-purpose devices. One family, perhaps larger, per site. • Small manufacturing of items with high value to weight ratios. Aggregate floor space is 1500 ft² (may be several, separate units). Communication with outside comparable to telephone/telex. Transportation at least weekly. Considerable export and/or produces most of food. More than one family involved; perhaps two dozen people. • Light industry -- many products possible. Also heavy fabrication for local use. Daily transportation, extensive outside commerce. Up to several hundred people. • Heavy industry and/or communication/commerce center. Up to 40,000 people. ¶ There is nothing immutable about this clustering of activities. Thus someone with only summer survival might have a clandestine radio link comparable to telephone, while a group capable of manufacturing might still import almost all food. But I have attempted to cluster together activities which seem to be comparably difficult to conceal, with each unit representing a 10-times increase in difficulty of concealment. Thus, a camp and supplies sufficient for summer survival can be easily hidden, whereas concealing heavy industry (such as a 'conventional' steel mill) would be extraordinarily difficult. Other levels of activity are intermediate in difficulty of concealment. ¶ Within the shaded area vonu is not likely to be worthwhile -- i.e. total costs of being vonu will usually exceed the total benefits. The boundary between viable and non-viable situations slopes downward to the left, at least under present conditions. This is because (1) the lower levels of activity require much less equipment and thus a higher probability of confiscation is acceptable; (2) the lower levels of activity are less suspicious and thus unlikely to lead to serious loss even if discovered. Thus a vonu with only a summer camp will not look or act much differently than someone on vacation, and is unlikely to arouse suspicion if discovered. At most a camp will be ordered to move. Whereas a factory found deep in the woods (or otherwise hidden) will almost certainly be the subject of an intensive investigation. Even if the operators elude capture, the equipment will most likely be confiscated. Almost certainly the factory will no longer be able to operate. If three years is the estimated time to amortize the initial cost of a factory (Topic II), the factory will not be built if estimated MCH is less than that. Exceptions involve illegal products with no non-vonu competitors such as drugs, with a very high profit margin and a correspondingly short time to amortize equipment costs. ¶ The diagonal lines represent levels of capability one order-of-magnitude (10X) apart. Six years ago, when I was becoming seriously interested in vonu but had little experience, my competence was roughly represented by line A. Three years ago, after experience with living in a van, competence has increased to line B. Today our competence level is approximated by C. Thus, at present, we can choose among the following: a small tent, adequate for summer only, in a remote place with 100 years MCH; a larger tent and more equipment and supplies in a place with year around access and a 10 year MCH (the larger tent is also more visible). When we want a home with amenities comparable to a city apartment we must move back to the van, and the best we have been able to do with it is one or two years MCH. If I needed a year-around workshop right now, I'd have to rent space in a conventional building somewhere. I'd have to find a good situation and taking reasonable chances are I could operate for a month before some blud came around and asked to see my licenses (etc.). ¶ With our present capability (line C) we really aren't able to enjoy a comfortable home year around and be vonu. The price of living in the van is some submission to the blud -- maintaining a driver's license, paying attention to the legalities of parking in a particular area, etc. with the van we are, in large part, enjoying liberty (local interdictions), not vonu. And laws and their interpretations often change. ¶ So long as we have C-level capability we can trade-off between increasing vonu and increasing activity. But increasing both requires more capability. ¶ C-level vonu is attractive (except in a disaster survival situation) only to experimenters in vonu ('pioneers') who are interested in vonu for its own sake. We are somewhat analogous to experimenters with aircraft before 1910. These people built and flew aircraft (or tried to) not to get somewhere faster (trains were faster than the first experimental planes) nor even for aerial observation (balloons were more reliable) but simply to fly. Of course they anticipated future



uses, but these would be profitable only after considerable experimentation and improvement. Someone would have been all advised to build a place in 1910 in order to (at that time) travel more quickly between LA and NY. Similarly our present capability at vonu has limited usefulness. Most people prefer a comfortable home that is relatively non-vonu to 'spartan survival' with relative vonu. We probably would too except that (1) we believe we can increase our capabilities, as we gain experience, to where we enjoy vonu AND comfort simultaneously; (2) experimenting with vonu is, for us, an adventure the year around; (3) experimenting with vonu is necessary for vonu to -- fun. ¶ A minimum of D-level capability is necessary for vonu to be attractive to many people other than experimenters. B-level is probably minimum for development of much of an 'alternate economy' worthy of the name. ¶ How easily/quickly can we increase our capability by another order of magnitude or two? It is tempting to project past progress and assume we will keep advancing one level every three years. On the other hand we might be at a point of diminishing returns. ¶ My present expectations are that G and I can progress to level D primarily by refining present techniques -- living mostly above ground and importing most supplies. Progressing beyond D will probably require fully-underground shelters and novel access techniques. (I'm more optimistic now (m75) than when I wrote this (m72). At mid-winter our plan structure was doing well. And I've conceptualized some life-styles which ease interface problems.) ¶ Of course during the past six years we've plenty of mistakes which slowed us down; there was no one (we knew of) to teach us so there was much trial and error. Today we could probably guide an inexperienced but highly motivated person (what I was six years ago) to our present level in a year or less. But we aren't especially interested in doing so until we reach level D; level C is not attractive enough to justify a 'recruiting/training' effort. ¶ Vonuists disagree about whether one should first seek greater activity or a greater MCH. Some believe that a neophyte should first try to build up a large and profitable but non-vonu (conventional) business, then attempt to vonu it. Evidence is inconclusive but I believe the opposite approach is more promising: become vonu at a relatively low level of activity, then attempt to increase activity while maintaining or increasing vonu. Points: The more people involved and the more interactions with that society, the more difficult any change of life-style. A non-vonu enterprise is apt to have little in common with a vonu enterprise; experience gained doing the former will probably not be particularly helpful when doing the latter. ¶ Concealment is not the only means of being vonu; there is also deterrence and mobility. But someone who employs deterrence without concealment is essentially just a would-be rival business; it is valuable only in conjunction with some kind of concealment or deception; if one can be easily traced and identified wherever he goes, nothing is gained by moving. ¶ To some, deception/concealment seems so difficult or unpleasant that they opt instead for liberation -- playing 'legal interdictions' while remaining otherwise 'conventional' and visible. For myself, I'm not especially interested in liberation, partly because millions of people are already playing those 'games' for all they are worth. I don't believe I could come up with gimmicks much better than what thousands of tax lawyers, accountants, draft advisers, etc. are doing. And 'legal interdictions' are transitory -- as quickly as many people discover a dodge the blud move to close it. Of course a particular vonu way may not offer permanent security either; there will be new detection, and counter-detection techniques. But once vonuans get 'below' the 'noise level' of environmental change caused by animals, weather and/or non-vonuans, the blud and their detectors will be at the point of diminishing returns. In the short term certain forms of liberation (e.g. their attractions and are worth using. But I believe vonu has greater long-range potential.

BOOK REVIEWS

by Rayo 25er73

VONULIFE 73, edited by Ian, Vomlife, Box 248, Paradise, CA 95969, st. I haven't seen a copy yet but I had an opportunity to read and like the articles submitted. I'm not exactly an impartial critic. I edited a section on wilderness shelter and wrote several other articles. Haelan did the food section which is a condensation of her forthcoming book: THE FOOD OF SIGHTS. I don't believe that VONULIFE 73 equals the advance announcement -- "a handbook and directory of vonu living" at least judging from the articles I saw; some important topics are covered little or not at all. Nevertheless I can easily say that it's the best 'how to become free!' book/magazine ever, and second only to THE LAST WHOLE EARTH CATALOG as a general 'self-liberation' aid.

HOW I BECAME FREE IN AN UNFREE WORLD, Harry Browne, Macmillan, \$7.95. I've only skimmed/read a friend's copy, so far. It's similar to Lee and Skye's "What if there was a millennium and no one came?" article, which was in LIFE/ARND CONFESSION and VONULIFE; but much expanded. It's the best vonuist philosophy/psychology theory book I've seen. ¶ HOW I BECAME ... is not really a how-to-do-it book. Browne's own experience seems to have been limited to slipping through a few of the cracks in urban society. Specific suggestions are few (the only one I recall is: try to work as a 'subcontractor' instead of as an employee). Emphasis is on 'liberating' one's mind from the beliefs and attitudes of others as a prelude to becoming freer. ¶ Browne's narrow psychological 'self-help' text is excellent. ¶ Browne's narrow experience shows in his recommended reading list, which contains only theoretical books plus a few investment letters such as Harry Schultz's. Browne is not even aware of such sources as WBC and L&A. (I don't think it's a case of being aware but hostile; Browne recommended the similar but obsolete REIKAIER's BABYHOOD in his earlier book.) ¶ This book is expensive but comes from a major publisher and so is likely to be ordered by libraries.

HOW TO LIVE IN THE NEW AMERICA, William Kaysing, \$5 in paperback. This is another book I've only had an opportunity to skim. The sections on motorcycles and publications (how to prepare copy) seem to be good, reflecting the author's own experience. Otherwise, it seems to be a hasty, stale rehash of material published elsewhere. The monads section consists, in large part, of two long excerpts from vintage-1968 RAREE-BOOK. VONULIFE is listed under its old name REIKAIER, as a 'commune', at an address it left four years ago. Much of the book is on acquiring land for small farming, but little how-to-do-it info; some where-to-get-more-info info, but doesn't come close to LAST-WBC as a source for sources.

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OUTDOOR GEAR by Al Fry

Here are my opinions on some of the petty gear not usually mentioned. Firstly, I try to get my hands on stainless steel in all my metal except knives (I've never had a stainless knife I liked regardless of price). I have carried around a simple swedish spoon with a fork tang and dull edge for cutting, for many years. It sort of comes next to bill fold and pocket knife. A stainless bowl is always in my duffel or on my table and anyone scrubbing aluminum junk with creek sand long enough will appreciate the difference. I have also developed a preference for aquarish stainless trays and such to replace plates - you can't fill plates up with juicy grub or a touch of soap water afterwards. I don't claim that a little cooking in aluminum gear will poison you but let that acid fruit or lemon juice set overnight in copper or aluminum stuff and you'll know you've got bad news. I've even been poisoned by copper screen wire which covered and touched my drying fruit.

about the best thing I carry in my van mess gear is a stainless pressure cooker which doubles as pot etc. I just saves a darn lot of time and fuel, both precious to a 'simple liver'.

As a waste basket I have a big stainless pot which I have used as a bucket, cooked up larger amounts of grub in, filled with battery acid (while cleaning out the sulphated gunk in my ailing batteries), filled with grape juice after a session at the vines and in general greatly enjoyed after the demise of earlier plastic junk substitutes.

After struggling along for years with short-lived watch bands of all makes I eventually even got a hold of a good stainless Rolex band (something I haven't needed of late however). Somebody's going to call me on overlooking Teflon coated cookware but some of the Du Pont buncs pass this way infrequently and I understand even they won't use it. I suspect that the feldaper it's composed of is a pretty potent accumulative poison although I risk it all to make my frequent rice, corn, wheat and flax waffles in a teflon waffle iron. Corn and millet are impossible in an ordinary iron and I don't like all the refined cooking oil mixture.

ABANDONED CAR IS ONLY HOME (from the toronto star, Jan 2, 1973 - clipping by t.s.)

The rusted wreck of a car, abandoned beside a back road years ago, is Bob Taylor's home. He moved in, with his crippled old mongrel Laddie, last August when they were evicted from a shack on the farm he once owned 100 yards away. And there he stays, refusing help from welfare people who come from Chatham, 20 miles to the west, and from provincial police who stop by once in a while.

This is the inside of his home: A small oil lantern hangs on the rearview mirror. A croup kitchen clock sits on the dashboard. On the steering column hangs a pair of threadbare socks to dry. The front seat is his bed. A soiled pillow, a tattered blanket, a battered coat for warmth day and night. Laddie sleeps in the back amidst the old clothes, jars, bits of food and anything else the 68-year-old man can gather in his daily tramp through the villages of this Kent County farmland.

What food Taylor can scrounge he shares with his dog who, despite a crippled paw, walks as many as 20 miles a day beside his master. Taylor, clad in his battered coat and rubber boots, is a source of embarrassment, most of the rural residents say. But he won't give up his home until he's allowed to move back into the shack on the farm he once owned. The man who bought it for back taxes three years ago let Taylor live there until last August. "I'm not going to budge until I'm allowed to move back into the old house," Taylor says. The shack has been vacant since he was evicted.

RAZORS

Nature gave me a fairly heavy set of bristles in front and on occasion I have let it all grow out but ordinarily I find things go better with em short. To that end I've used everything from strait razors to modified hair clippers. What I have settled for is an outdated Norelco electric which doesn't set me back over a dollar or so. If I clean my mug good before using I find the Benson is a faster shaving razor but won't work on D.C. juice from my van.

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The little known secret to keeping any electric going is periodic sharpening with a very fine abrasive compound which can be had in some drug stores (razor sharpening compound). Blade people get an electric and promptly get disgusted with it in a couple of months after it gets dull - this makes an ideal situation for a penny-pincher like me.

Forget about good Swiss and German wind up razors and such. They are a waste of time. I've bounced around the Pacific with a Norelco battery job and been able to get blades in Australia in a pinch for my cord model. The things will even cut down a week's worth of weed patch in a pinch and I don't know of any others that will, without a clipper gizmo. A triple ooo clipper blade is the best thing to take a beard off with and by grinding a little bottom overlap off a good Wahl clipper blade you can get close enough to almost forget razors. After using many brands and cutting a few thousand heads of hair I can opionomate Wahl is about the best Clipper for the money. And before I forget, a dab of hair shampoo to clean the grease off your brush before a shave makes it all come off so easy. Any opinions? Al Fry

CANDLE LANTERNS

Lots of folks are into these lanterns already; this is for those who, like me until lately, haven't yet discovered them and are still messing with battery powered flashlights that go on the blink at the blink of an eye. Take a can, any old opened "tin" can, which is clean and at least 4 1/2 inches in diameter. String a wire or any other non-burnable stuff for a handle across one side of the can as shown. About an inch back from the open end of the can, punch a series of five or six small holes under the handle at the top of your lantern-to-be.

Now cut an ordinary white candle to size - about 3 1/2 inches. Light it, drop some wax on the bottom of the lantern under the holes and plant the candle upright in the wax. You're in business. Go out in the dark and try it. These lanterns are fine even in rain and moderate wind. And they throw plenty of light, you'll be surprised how much. Candles, it is well known are lots cheaper than batteries, and in these lanterns they last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours of 'operating time'. by Guy du Lac (reprinted from the green revolution, nov. 71, 35¢, Rt. 1, Box 129, Freeland, Md. 21053.)



SYNERGY: A Working Conference on Transitions & Social Change. Stanford, Calif. May 9, 10, 11 1973. "Synergy" will be a gathering of more than 500 "resource" people from the Rockies west - people who have begun to build new institutions, create new work forms and live out new relationships, and who want to work on common problems collectively. Everyone who attends will be a full participant and resource to others.

He'd like this to be a real nuts-and-bolts conference which gives folks the opportunity to share problems, experiences, ideas, energy - through problem-solving and brainstorming sessions, information exchanges, small group raps, etc.... On Saturday and Sunday the conference will open out into a two-day Spring Festival for the Bay Area community aimed at raising consciousness, sparking new ideas, and generally having fun. Project Synergy, Old Union Clubhouse, Stanford, Calif. 94305. (past, but they had one last year and may have another next year.)

CUSTOM HINTS

If you have spent at least 48 hours in Canada and have declared no exemptions within 30 days, you are allowed an exemption of \$100 on goods brought back to the U.S. Exceptions to the above rule apply to liquor and cigars, and to purchases at the duty free shops as follows.... Duty-free shops: Liquor purchased at the duty-free shops on the U.S. border must be consumed in Canada. Items within the \$100 limit (\$10 if you spend less than 48 hours in Canada) can be declared ORALLY. All items must be declared IN WRITING if their total value is more than \$100 ... or if a customs duty or internal revenue tax applies to any article. Families can add their allowances. A family of four, as an example, may claim up to \$400 in exemptions even if articles acquired by one member ... exceeds \$100. Gifts of not more than \$10 value can be mailed or shipped from Canada to U.S. residents.... (this is ontario, sept./oct. 72..)

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this is by lan. I'm removing the circulation limit from vomulink. biggest reason is that not many vomans are using it for contact and for other people the more circulation the better. also I haven't thought of a way to split it like vomulink had 97 subscribers when #12 was mailed out which left no copies for new subscribers. starting next issue I'll probably print 150. I've been printing 30¢ copies of postpages. I've got a few copies of #10 and #11 left. I'll send them to any subscriber who asks and count the two of them against your subscription to place of one future issue. I'm no longer giving free or cut price subscriptions to people who say they are vomans because it's not all that clear who is and who isn't. why should somebody who lives out of sight and mind 5¢ of the time get vomu life free whereas somebody doing it 45% of the time has to pay? but I extend the subscription of anybody who sends a lot of useful info for publication - how much I extend depends on how much I like. and any kind of a vomu has lots of interesting things to write about. if you type your things (or print very small and neat) you'll get published promptly. if I must type it then it waits until I can get to a typewriter and have time. (this is a switch from a few issues ago when I thought I was going to mimeo part. I've given up on mimeo. too much stuff.) I'll be happy to exchange postpages with more vomans. it doesn't cost much to print an extra 100. I'll trade copy for copy (I'll need 150 for next issue) or buy or sell at \$3 a hundred, but it must be photostated off like this. I can't afford the postage I would take to mail out mimeographing. send me a sample first (if you're mailing). if I like I'll make a standing offer. anybody want to start a lending library for vomans? there are lots of good books and since but who can afford to buy them all. probably best done by somebody who's interested in vomu but not a vomu. (I'm assuming all vomans are as slow getting and sending mail as I am, maybe some aren't.) I get quite a few exchange since I could donate

to Vomulife staff. April 30, 1973
congratulations for the excellent job in putting together the march 1973 vomulife. I was absolutely amazed and very pleased with the subject. far out eating for ten dollars a month since 1968. when I first became aware of natural hygiene, I have spent over 250 dollars on health books, mostly food and nutrition, and far out eating can save information that I had not come across. in my opinion far out eating cannot be improved upon and will be the standard for vomans or anyone trying to eat for maintaining the best of health. none of the ten books I have about edible wild plants stated that milkweed pods can be eaten raw, but Rodale's encyclopedia of organic gardening, page 1107, stated that they can. I ate about four ounces in two days raw with some other food and did not notice any after effects then or later. I consider Donald Kirk's book on edible wild plants the best. By chance I have noticed that two cultivated food crops affect me slightly. When eating two or three cantaloupes, over five inches in diameter, within one hour, I get a slight groggy feeling in the head. Almost the same feeling comes over when eating four or five pounds of tomatoes within two hours. I wonder too many, if any, other people would be affected if they duplicated my eating experiment. Winter in the woods, by W.J.P. is a very informative article for one attempting to go vomu. If people would investigate natural hygiene there would be no qualms about being away from medical help.... I picked black oak acorns from this area and to prepare them I ground them in an old Elgin coffee grinder and leached the tannin by squeezing it in a bag using my hands. I did not even use any hot water. I ate it after drying as is and mixed with other foods and consider it good food and would not hesitate to live on it for an extended period of time. One writer about edible plants says black walnuts are strong (the meats) and most people prefer them cooked. Another writer states that the black walnut meats are much inferior to persian walnuts. I cannot understand how an intelligent mind can make statements as the above. I have collected seven bushels and extracted approx. thirty pounds of nut meats and ate it as my only protein for 70 to 80 days uncooked or unheated in any way. I'm Indiana

Dear Lan May 7, '73
I've lived and want to continue to live anonymously, but the few contacts I've had and invited to visit with me have always been most welcome. But quite frankly I'm loner in the main, then I'm able to find my tents and alide quietly away whenever I have the desire to explore other places, and of course to avoid getting entangled in any way. For myself, I've always insisted on looking like any other guy going to work or whatever and not flaunt obvious conventions by wearing odd looking clothes, dirty beards and long hair. In this way I can always pass off as just another guy "that lives among us and doesn't disturb any one" (remarks by neighbors when I live temporarily in populated areas.) But then I'm clever than many of your readers so perhaps a little more crafty in my camouflage! Sincerely, Bob White, P.O. Box 215, Melbourne, Fla 32901.

vomulife. April 1, 1973
not sure exactly what your topic is, but I'm into a countryside where the peasants build their houses underground and leave above ground less scarred. and as a naturalist I'm into the wilderness. dana, new york

To Anyone Interested:

I am 25, 6'7", weigh 178, have dark hair & eyes, and a lean hard body. Right now I'm living on a communal farm near Perris, Calif. in the desert. The people here aren't really very together and the region just isn't right for me. I have lived most of my life in southern California. I went right for me. I studied all that I wanted to and quit school. I traveled around the world about 44 times. When I was 20, I got busted in the middle east on a false passport charge and spent about 2 yrs. in prison and immediately after that another 15 months in a U.S. prison. Last summer I was released. While in prison I changed my world view.... I now live to enjoy life... being close to nature, the mountains, trees, rivers, the ocean & the sunshine & most important relating to other people with love and compassion.

As far as my skills are concerned, I am resourceful and can do work like electrical wiring, plumbing, gardening, painting, typing etc. I am a qualified travel agent and know about all faxes of booking & ticketing. tours both independent & package etc.

My interests are in living free as is possible in the world today. In living with one or more guys who can develop a deep emotional & spiritual relationship with me. I am gay and would like to live with another gay guy if possible. My interests in sports include tennis, swimming & surfing. I really turn on to rock music and am learning to play the electric guitar.

I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in meeting me. In the States or the region or the coast of B.C., I'd like to hear from anyone who would help me get a place to live. I will probably bring supplies to set up a plastic tent, but would like to know other Vomu people in the area that I could get advice from and could socialize with.

My address can be published and it's also o.k. to publish my telephone number. This letter can also be published without my name and address if desired. Mark Payne, P.O. Box 96, Nuevo, Calif. 92367
Telephone: 714-657-7835 Love & Peace,

Dear Lan:

Thanks for listing T.S.C. in your last issue. The T.S.C. has a new P.O. Box but continue to mail to my address. My compliments to you on VOMU LIFE, it is truly the most realistic and useful publication I have found. Enclosed is a brassard now on sale by the T.S.C. for \$1.50 each. We think they are kinda nice and most important they start conversations that help us find more as you would say Vomans. ("live free" and green tree on red, white, blue vertical stripes). Yours truly, James C. Jones 11123 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60628

COMMENTS

by Rayo

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GROUP MARRIAGE: To E. Vonulink 12: Something I said (V111) must have upset you. But I'm not sure what or why.

My 'abstract al 'bra' was ABBREV.ATIONS employed so I could give a specific example briefly; it was not FUDULAS -- i.e., I did not specify that people rotate in any particular way, I merely described possibilities.

The main structural element of a swia -- adults are usually together in pairs -- is also the main structural feature of monogamy -- one of the two relations you consider compatible with 'liberalism'.

You defined your number-two relation only in terms of what it ISN'T -- it's not swinging, group marriage, nor monogamy. What is it? How about a specific, detailed example?

If I become emotionally involved with someone and am separated from her for long periods, I find this unpleasant, especially if she's in a danger zone. If, on the other hand, we arrange to live near each other and visit frequently, this is a 'structured feature'. So how can I have emotional involvement without structure?

With your experience I expect you could offer many helpful suggestions on effective and ineffective forms of relation. Unfortunately your V112 letter wasn't very informative.

I don't think that structure is necessarily incompatible with vomism, so long as it's structure of one's own choosing which can be terminated on reasonable notice, NOT structure coercively imposed by others -- e.g., the state. If I can reduce outside interfacing and attendant vulnerability by joining even a 'highly structured' group, this might be a wise trade-off.

POLITICS: To Paul Doerr, V112: "Put pressure on the many to influence the few?" This is the premise of many a tyrant and mad bomber. For an analogy: Suppose my life has been threatened by someone named Paul, but I don't know who or where he is. Should I go around killing people named Paul at random, so as to put pressure on All-The-Pauls to find the guilty Paul and stop him?

The population of an Arab city you propose bombing includes little children, people opposed to that government, people having little or nothing to do with the government, etc., as well as culpable officials and their supporters. To regard all these people as part of an abstraction called "Israel" and hold all responsible for the acts of any of them, is as barbarian as imputing guilt to everyone named Paul.

But, regardless of the morality of your scheme, why be an unpaid, unwanted advisor to murderers, thieves and scoundrels, when you could be spending your time on more rewarding activities?

TITLES: To Lan, Vomulife 1973: All in all I think you did an excellent job putting V1973 together. But I have one complaint. Most of the titles on my articles were NOT mine, and I believe some were misrepresentative -- especially, "Smutnans: the Super Hobos". I don't know enough about traditional hobos to know how much similarity there may be. But smutnans I'm aware of have been doing it a few years at most whereas some hobos have been at it for decades -- and might consider themselves 'super smutnans'.

I'm sorry if you felt obligated to publish all the articles you collected. I believe some of your own which you left out were potentially more valuable (judging from the rough drafts) than some of mine which you published.

ROMANTIC ARTS DEPARTMENT: To Thor Walcott, Challenger, Libertarian Connection #35: As soon as I finish the comic book I'm writing (Mr. Peris meets Dracula), I'll do an adventure novel in which a Frenchman's mixed-premise Conservative, with talk of billions in gold, into a mine and ambushed by 84 lbs agents disguised as piles of horse dung. Pi disables 33 of them with his famous glitz jabs and living kicks, but the 84th sneaks up behind Pi with a power saw and tries him under a ton of horse dung. They dig Pi out, and he goes to a buzz saw, and prepare to amputate his valuable right arm for back taxes. But Dzuuna, the woman heroine, arrives in the nick of time, throws an aerosol gas bomb into the ventilation system and turns off all the lights. The blind freak Pi and Dzuuna rescue Pi. They elude a host of IRS and trolls, led by Mr. Ferris, and reach Dzuuna's hideout, save, previously, stowed with a thousand-year supply of Vitamin E and other goodies from Dzuuna's immortality service, where they survive the State until, ever after. So there!

Editor, Vornlife

April 12, 1973

Enclosed clipping from Toronto Star may be of interest to your readers. It would seem that gypsies and your people have much in common. There was a book published years ago by a female gypsy titled "Romany Life". I read an abridged version of the book in Reader's Digest and found it fascinating. There are some very good gypsies and most of them acquire craft skills. Webster says of gypsies: "One of a wandering caucasian race coming originally from India". They have been around for fifteen centuries or more and have suffered because of the love for freedom is so strong in them. Thomas Skinner, R22, West Lorne, Ontario

LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF EXPRESSWAY: BRITISH GYPSIES SAY IT'S PROGRESS

By Frank Jones, from the Toronto Star, April 5, 1973, condensed

Eric Gray, a bluff, smiling Yorkshireman, pulled his old truck and house trailer onto a vacant lot on an expressway interchange in West London a week before Christmas. While traffic roared overhead on the expressway, Gray, his wife and five children went about setting up home - and waiting for the police to arrive. The people in nearby homes, like many housechairs all over Britain, had their eyes open for people like the Grays and quickly passed the message to their local council: The gypsies are here. But three months later, through the tact of the gypsies and a measure of understanding from Hammermith borough council, the Grays are still camped by the expressway. And about a dozen more gypsy house trailers, three horses and a goat named Kitty have arrived. The image of Britain's 50,000 "travelling people" is changing fast. They have long since given up picturesque horse-drawn trailers in favour of modern, truck-drawn ones. And instead of camping out in the woods of rural England, it's now estimated that two-thirds of them now live in cities, leading a twilight existence on flatlands urban renewal sites and in any cranny they can find to park.

In 1968 the British government passed a law requiring every municipality to set up an official campsite for gypsies, each accommodating a maximum of 15 trailers. From April 1, municipalities which have met the minimum 15-trailer requirement can seek powers to force all other gypsies outside their boundaries. One example of the law's injustice is that Birmingham, Britain's second largest city with a population of 1,015,000, has no legal obligation to provide more than 15 spaces, and is now trying to evict 30 families camped illegally on a vacant site called Druid's Bath. There are an estimated 400 Romany families in Birmingham, nearly all of which could be expelled.

Britain's travelling people have also found themselves steadily restricted under the terms of a 1959 act forbidding them to camp alongside highways, and a 1960 trailer site law which gave local authorities the right to close up sites even though, in many cases, the gypsies had bought the land. "We have to stop where we can find work," said Gray, who specialises in buying up junked electric motors, burning out the insulation, and selling the salvaged metal for scrap. "When we have worked out an area, we have to move on. And the trouble is that they won't let us burn the motors on official sites, so they're no good to us." The gypsies, whose place of origin is still uncertain, earn their living in all kinds of trades from scrap metal to asphalt paving to buying up antiques door to door. But to an increasingly urbanized and regulated society, the existence of a people as free as the air can only seem an affront, the prejudice against the gypsies seems to be growing. "It's hard work, and people make it harder for you," said Billy Hill, a 38-year-old father of four, on the Hammermith site. "I have tried living in a house, but the neighbours find out you're a gypsy and they try to get rid of you." "They're a bit more civilised around here," said Arthur Riley, dark-haired with a passionate Romany face. "But in Scotland they're really tough. Up there, you move quickly or the police give you a real kicking. They send along their tough boys to move you along. A few weeks ago police around Leicester forced them to move six times in two days. They don't even give a chance to make the kids a meal, and we finished up on a dirty, stinking official site that was 1 mile from any shops." Mary Kennedy said she was poked up a fire for morning tea. "It's a hard life. The children don't get a chance for an education - we've taught ours to read and write ourselves - and if you're ever all you have the devil's own job to get a doctor to come and see you." The temporary site under the expressway was typical of the gypsies' guile in coping with local authorities. The land is owned by the British Broadcasting Corp. and the travelling people quickly found a BBC maternal and begged it for their supply - until it was turned off. But the camp site is on the boundary line between two boroughs, and Cook has skillfully played off one set of officials against the other, so that today there are brand new toilets erected on the site by Hammermith with their own water supply. A factory owner next door had been fighting for two years to get water supplied to his plant, and was so impressed by the gypsies' skill in getting water that, according to Cook, he paid them \$25 to find a main and tap it for him, too.

"There's something to be said for it," said Mrs. Kennedy, taking her kettle off the fire and ignoring the paper blowing around the site, and the trucks thundering overhead. "It's a healthy life and you are free, and it's quite comfortable here."

THE GYPSY

by Geminis Seneviratna - from The Toronto Star

The 4 million gypsies of Europe are getting restless. For 15 centuries since the Rom - to use their correct, though less familiar name - filtered into Persia and later into Europe, they have suffered endless persecution. To medieval mind the Rom, coming from the Turkish side of Europe and speaking an unknown tongue, were suspect and inferior. The church rejected them because it opposed fortune-telling and the practice of magic. They became the first persecuted minority in Europe, opposed by the pillars of medieval society, the church, the state and the trade guilds. The ruling classes regarded them as useless because they could not be easily exploited. The Rom stayed outside the feudal, and later capitalist and socialist society, having become neither serfs nor conformist wage-earners. Thousands died in the Spanish Inquisition. Hitler's Nazis exterminated between 250,000 and 500,000, and, unlike the Jews, they received no financial compensation after World War II let alone a new homeland.

The Minority Rights Group, an international research and information body based in London, which exists to expose the plight of minorities in all parts of the world, recently commissioned Dr. Robert Paxton, a gypsy author and prominent worker for Rom rights, to investigate the position of the community in Europe today. He found gypsies still subject to neglect, misunderstanding, and even social prejudice and outright police harassment. Police in Belgium have instructions to prevent any of the Romas from crossing the frontier and in Spain gasoline was used to burn him in a gypsy encampment at Barcelona to improve the landscape for tourists.

Hello,

May 19, 1972

Urgently and in brevity I will talk straight. The only hope for mass freedom are in the invisible people wherever they are; they form the basis of my religion.

Person to person they work bypassing computers cameras and investigators. They are the Johnny Appleseeds planting creative ideas where ever they go...at least now I define them.

More aware am I now of the Pauline erroneous doctrine 'That all should be brought to light'; this is contrary to 'do the good deed in secret' and 'let your light shine before others' - really means one or two people along the way (if its anyone they will crucify you before your time!). As it stands today State, Church and Organizations would have us spread eagle tummy down. No.

Here's my message, pass it along, write it on little scrolls and place quietly everywhere:

"There are some invisible people communicating with form patches and patterned pebbles when they meet along the road (usually deep in the forest). They swap. They have pebble barter markets. Some trade old rusty tin cans or pieces of weathered wood."

And this is my religion.

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my own reading about intentional communities confirms yours--namely that communities nucleated by a religious inspiration, taking their inner-life nourishment/meaning from such an inspiration, last longer and have a better quality of life.

religion essentially has to do with a person's sense of connection with nature/cosmos/All. religious practice, taking part in religious ceremonies, is an affirming, a deepening and strengthening and enriching, of that sense of connection and a revealing of the significance of it for the person involved.

so--I would say that any ceremony that does the job is ok. but to really do the job I think it has to be poetic, have a touch of beauty/poetry/art/wonder. it has to be a heightened moment or hour, an intensified moment or hour. it exalts nature, and ourselves as a part of nature, our kinship with nature. and it also creates and sustains and enlarges meaning through the symbols and ceremonial practices. different life-styles certainly will arrive at different ceremonies for similar occasions, whether the celebration of a seasonal climax or the celebration of a birth or marriage or puberty or death. I'm using the word celebration in a very broad sense, of course. the test of a ritual is whether you feel better or worse afterward, and does your life in general get better or worse, more satisfying and fulfilling, inwardly richer.

so-called primitive peoples--of ancient times and of the present day--used the circle as a physical format for their religious ceremony. nature is full of circles and cycles. the heavenly bodies seem to circle through the sky. the earth is a great "circle." we "circle" through the seasons of the year, through sunlight and moon-and-starlight. the circle has no loose ends. it is continuous, yet definite, delimited. it has a center--a unique focal point. it is symmetrical. it distributes people within it in a closer-to-equal fashion than does the "classroom" format. yet the sort of geometrical figure may be inscribed in it, if need be. it is womb-like, containing. and at the center is an altar, where a numan--that creaturely child of nature in whom nature has the potential of becoming self-conscious--may come into direct contact, closest-of-all contact, with the web of nature from which she/he has emerged. one moves around the circle in the same direction as do sun and moon--from east to west.

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INTRODUCTION

VONU EDUCATION AND THEORY (VETH) exists to help develop more-useful insights on freedom achievement and to disseminate vomist world-views. VETH is for vonuans (or 'self-liberators') of all life-styles. VETH is also for the many individuals who yearn for less vulnerability but have not yet managed to break away from the State's shackles and blandishments. VETH is for seasoned libertarians who are weary of the dogmatism, ego trips, contradictions between strategy and economic theory, and general ineffectiveness of previous anti-statist ideologies. VETH is also for those just becoming aware of the ties which bind, and seeking better understanding of problems as well as real solutions.

Likely topics:

Overall strategies of freedom achievement. Comparing wilderness vonu, vehicle mobility, snuism, small-boat living, deep-ocean developments, underground structures, international mobility, deception involving conventional structures, etc. Is it better to try to change one's life by 'quantum leaps' or thru a series of small steps?

Learning vonu techniques and attitudes. What are the best methods for young born into a vonu life-style? for adults changing life-styles? 'Psychological liberation'. What attitudes toward the State are most conducive to effective action? How can existing anti-state 'expose' literature be best utilized? Can someone develop from statism to vomism without going thru a movementist phase and wasting time and energy trying to 'reform the world'?

Associational means. How can vonuans interact for greatest mutual benefit within families? groups? cultures? the earth? Traditional groups with some vonu characteristics such as Gypsies, Free-Masons, Jews, Navahos, Seminoles, Shuwas, Doukors, Mennonites, intercaste, nomadic, mobile rich, hobos, witches? How successful have they been? Why? What characteristics might vonuans profitably adopt? avoid?

How may vonu and non-vonu cultures evolve? Probabilistic, multiple-scenario forecasts of the next ten years. Indirect effects of various vonu techniques on the non-vonu society. What techniques are best kept secret from outsiders? What techniques are advantageously popularized?

VETH will not go into detail on specific life-styles: e.g., how to trap a bear, how to build a 'defectable' slow-motion traveler. For this kind of information see VONULIFE, VONULINK, LIBERTARIAN CONNECTION, ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY, LIFESTYLE, MOTHER EARTH NEWS, SHELTER PUBLICATIONS, GREEN REVOLUTION, and various trade/hobby books and magazines. (See VONULIFE 73, pages 111-114, for addresses and prices.)

Nor will VETH run articles refuting statist myths ('why we need' state schools, drug laws, taxes, etc.) except for pointing out refutations especially relevant to vomism. For a catalog describing a wide spectrum of 'mind liberating' books, send a few postage stamps to Laissez Faire Books, 208A Mercer St., New York, NY 10012. Also see back issues of small periodicals as THE INDIVIDUALIST, REASON, WHY, A NEWSLETTER, THE MATCH, INNOVATOR (28 back issues of the latter, which include early vomist writings as well as ideological pieces, are sold for \$5 postpaid by Lisa Dawn, Box 90913 Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009). This is not an unqualified recommendation of all these periodicals; some of their articles, especially their ideas on strategy, are poor.

To anyone not already a VONULIFE reader, I strongly recommend buying their 1973 handbook plus all older issues, for background information on vonu and vomist theory. These are sold for \$3.50 postpaid (total for 11 issues) by Vonulife, Box 248, Paradise, CA 95969.

VETH will be small at first, usually a single sheet per issue. It may evolve into a larger journal if demand and articles become sufficient. I expect to publish a few issues per year. I have been a vomist for about eight years and have lived as 'drop out' urbanite, van nomad and wilderness-vonu. Rayo, Editor

ROOTING OUT THE OUTPOSTS -- BIBLIOGRAPHY

When preparing this article (VONULIFE 73, page 109) I wrote to several libertarian/anarchist book sellers for bibliographic suggestions. Sharon Bradley of Laissez Faire Books sent the following list (which arrived too late for my VONULIFE article).

Education: CRISIS IN THE CLASSROOM, Holt's books, MACHINERY OF FREEDOM, and many more.

Welfare: REGULATING THE POOR (2.45)

Money and banking: WHAT HAS GOVERNMENT DONE TO OUR MONEY? (1.25)

ECONOMIC DEPRESSIONS (40¢), UNCLE SAM THE MONOPOLY MAN (6.95)

Judicial systems: UNCLE SAM THE MONOPOLY MAN (6.95), FOR A NEW LIBERTY (7.95), MACHINERY OF FREEDOM (forthcoming in paper, price not set, see catalog)

Conservation, anti-pollution: TANSTAAFL (3.50), THE LAISSEZ FAIRE IN POPULATION (free from Population Council, 245 Park Ave., NY)

Prevention/regulation of monopolies: ANTI-TRUST LAWS OF THE U.S. (5.50), THE INCREASING BREAD MACHINE (2.95), MACHINERY OF FREEDOM

Radio allocation: MACHINERY OF FREEDOM

Auto/aircraft safety: HIGH PRIESTS OF WASTE (8.95)

Building safety: FREEDOM TO BUILD: HOUSING BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE (2.95)

UNCLE SAM, THE MONOPOLY MAN is also suggested for the topics local police protection and roads/highways. Sharon adds, "Even though UNCLE SAM ... is \$6.95, it's so good I had to list it. See review in catalog." (Send 25¢ to Laissez Faire for catalog.) Most (all?) of these books and many more are sold by Laissez Faire Books, 208A Mercer St., New York 10012, which sells both over the counter and by mail. I believe these prices are postpaid.

Note by Rayo: Most of the authors of the above books with which I am familiar are not vomists. Their exposes of government programs are carefully researched, perceptive, and well worth reading for 'psychological liberation'. But their recommendations of strategy -- i.e., what a concerned individual might do to increase freedom -- are usually naive and flagrantly contradict their economic ideas.

THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM STRATEGY: Utopias

By Rayo

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(This is partly in response to the ongoing debate between advocates of 'limited government' and 'anarcho-capitalism'.)

Both 'limited government libertarians' (LG) and 'anarcho-capitalists' (AC) believe in *deux ex machina* which will keep their idealized open-market capitalism pure. For LG the *deux ex machina* is a Constitutional Government which has powerful military/police forces to discourage foreign and domestic aggressors yet which somehow abstains from harassing the peaceful. For the AC the *deux ex machina* consists of various protection agencies and insurance companies which remain peacefully competitive and cooperative on the whole, rather than fighting each other, forcing people to do business with them, staking out territories, and becoming States.

Both hypothetical systems are contrary to historical experience. Power corrupts sooner or later. State functionaries do what they can physically get away with regardless of what is written into a Constitution. A Constitution can be amended, suspended, 'reinterpreted', or simply ignored. And, on the rare occasions when sovereignly-independent military forces have occupied the same territory, the result was not competition in protection but civil war terminating in one or more territorial States. Many AC seem to believe in word magic: if independent forces are CALLED protection agencies and insurance companies, they will somehow abstain from doing the dastardly things which States do. How insurance companies, for example, behave in that society as organizations subordinate to the State, is not necessarily how they would develop if independent of the State.

Achieving freedom and preserving freedom are really the same thing -- *Starchitects* can be thought of as bad protection agencies (or whatever). Put most LG and AC try to separate the problem of ACHIEVING utopia from that of PRESERVING utopia once achieved. Few LG are seriously running for legislatures (other than for publicity) or testing the constitutionality of laws. Even fewer AC are attempting to organize protection agencies capable of defying existing States. Instead, to achieve their utopias, both LG and AC invoke another, higher order *deux ex machina* -- a 'cultural revolution' -- a fundamental change in the world-views/ethical values/policies and attitudes of most people. Certainly popular attitudes can and do change, and can and do affect political systems. But LG and AC err in thinking of popular attitudes as something independent of and antecedent to a political/economic system. A person's world-views depend in large part on the opportunities and problems a person faces for self; so long as a person feels subject to the State and powerless to change it, a will rationalize that the State is really necessary if not good, and will reject out-of-hand any arguments to the contrary.

I have come to question not only the LG and AC approaches to the problem of institutionalized coercion, but with their ideal as well -- open-market capitalism (which is not what is commonly called 'capitalism' in that society). Even if pure open-market capitalism were achieved thru some fortuitous circumstances, I believe it would be hopelessly vulnerable, both to outside enemies and inside power-seekers. U.S. economic and political history from about 1880 thru 1910 comes close to being an example of the decay of capitalism by internal forces (reference: Kolko's THE POWER OF CONSERVATION). During that period there was considerable economic freedom and consequently relatively little stability of wealth. "From shirt-sleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations" was typical. Large, long-established companies were often cut down in a few years by newer, smaller, more nimble competitors. There were no 'safe investments' in which playboy heirs could multiply their wealth while concentrating on 'high-society' games. The 'old rich' watched in dismay as 'new rich', still with 'lower class' manners and speech, enjoyed the trappings of wealth. It is no accident that many socialists were the no-longer-very-wealthy offspring of wealthy families. And it is no accident that many large industrialists were instrumental in obtaining government regulation of their industries. The supposed purpose of the regulation was to protect the public from Big Business. And this served to co-opt most of the 'reformers' of that era into supporting the legislation. But the actual result of regulatory laws was to 'protect' established companies from new competition.

There already existed a central government for the 'capitalists' to manipulate and expand. But some large companies also hired private thugs to harass competitors and unions. If there hadn't been a State, it is difficult to believe that these forces would not have evolved into States.

Given pre-industrial technology, especially the communication and transportation which existed at the beginning of the 'capitalist era', open-market enterprise, even to the limited extent it was able to develop under State controls, was probably the most efficient way of producing/marketing most things. Given the vastly different

capabilities today, I wonder if this is still true. Comparing problems of open (publicly displayed) market and vonu (clandestine) market: An open market is subject to State restrictions and taxes, if any, whereas a vonu market can largely avoid them. On the other hand an open-market enterprise can advertise openly, produce in large quantity, and sell thru a relatively few middlemen, whereas vonu marketing must be by 'word of mouth' and requires either decentralized, small-scale production or many middlemen.

In the recent past, vonu marketing has been limited mostly to products and services which (1) can only be produced locally on a small scale, such as lawn mowing, auto repairing, hair cutting; or (2) are illegal. Products for which both approaches are competitive indicate the comparative costs of open and vonu marketing at a given time and place -- e.g., alcoholic beverages.

In the future I expect more and more automatization of 'word-of-mouth' communication and middlemen functions, greatly increasing speed and security and reducing costs. The newer electronic technology (integrated circuits) is greatly reducing the time/cost of coding and interpreting data. It is also increasing the ability of snoopers to snoop and correlate their findings, but not in proportion. For example a relatively small, cheap device can encipher data beyond the ability of any conceivable computer to break in a thousand years, or even to identify as a cipher. And soon there will be inexpensive radio systems capable of relaying data in ways not traceable by a hundred FCC's.

Here is how one such system might operate. To buy or sell something I type or speak an inquiry, order or offer into my Secure Communicator (SC). My SC enciphers my message and transmits it to SC's of a few individuals I know and trust, which in turn automatically re-encipher and relay it in microseconds to SC's of people they trust, etc. In this way my message can quickly reach the SC's of a very large number of people. Someone who is selling what I'm buying has keyed or SC to watch for messages concerning that product. When my message reaches it, it decipheres it and notifies its owner. E and I then converse, almost as easily as by telephone/telex, but without having any idea who or where the other person is. At this time we may change our cipher so that our message is no longer intelligible to intermediaries SC's which relay it. We come to terms and arrange delivery. If it's a physical product, delivery may be made thru a drop. But most 'products' will be information in one form or another, and can be delivered thru the SC net. An example might be a program for my automatic micro-shaper which enables it to machine a replacement part for our home flour mill, or even parts for a newer, more capable automatic micro-shaper.

While a dishonest or unreliable person might join an SC net, e could endanger only or immediate contacts, who made the mistake of trusting e. Anyone who used the net to defraud could be cut out of it; furthermore or immediate communicants would for a time be considered less reliable. My SC could automatically compute the reliability of intermediaries thru which a message comes, as well as selecting alternate routes. Proprietary data, such as a program for my hypothetical automatic micro-shaper, might be protected from plagiarism by putting individual variations of non-critical dimensions in each part. Payment would most likely be in credits, transmitted thru the net to an 'underground' bank.

Secure Communicators and many other vonu products/activities will be developed and used only to the degree that people acquire secure shelter of one form or another, either thru outright concealment or by clever deception. SC's can be declared illegal, just as armored cars, firearm silencers and gold have been. All known abodes and places of business will be subject to inspection, just as they are now. And if an unidentified or 'unauthorized' piece of equipment is found, the bludg will likely presume that it's contraband unless the occupant proves otherwise. Such laws will be difficult to enforce; SC's can be hidden or disguised, just as gold sometimes is now. But the few violators who are caught will be publicized. And most of those who lack vonu shelter will be sufficiently intimidated to abstain from using gold -- or secure communicators. So vonu shelter is a crucial prerequisite for substantial vonu trade.

ONTOGENY RECAPITULATES PHYLOGENY IN PHILOSOPHY

by Chet 27my77

You ask whether it is necessary to first go thru the mass movementist 'stage' before becoming a vonuist, and after reflection I think that it probably is. I would have appeared to skip the movementist stage but it soon became clear to me that in many ways she was playing a game she secretly did not understand (or even not ridiculous) simply to make herself acceptable to me. That doesn't mean that she couldn't have learned the real reasons later or that her desire for my approval based on admiration of other features was necessarily irrational.

A good analogy is that 'Ontogeny recapitulates Phylogeny' -- rather than the developing foetus rapidly undergoes all the stages which have been involved in the entire biological evolution of the species from a unicellular organism. Sometimes certain steps are dropped or added, but this is merely an elaboration of a theme.

The knowledge-behavior orientation of a newborn probably follows similar patterns. Simplification plus the fact that it is harder to discover answers than relate them can easily lead to telescoping of stages. I'll freely grant that years to arrive at a position and then look at myself and think that it seems as tho I should have known it all along.

Social evolution: (1) pre-statist (disorganized violence); (2) statist (organized violence); post-statist (civilization). I think the world contains individuals fitted to all three societies. The pre-statist brutes often end up in jail. The post-statist 'civilized men' should at least know enough to be careful or discrete with the state.

SURMOUNTING PERSONAL OBSTACLES -- ADDENDUM

by Rayo 10Je73

One heuristic! I neglected to put in my VONULIFE article: Make optimum use of existing resources. Example: If someone has already spent many years getting into a high-paying vocation, and now finds e doesn't like it, it may be wise for e to try to bear it for a few more years, live frugally, and salt away the surplus so as to be financially independent for a long time to come.

Another example: We once knew someone who had an almost new pack frame and bag which, he decided, wasn't the best size and style.

Also his financial situation was precarious, he sold his pack for a small fraction of what he'd paid and bought a new one.

Many people behave this way. I sometimes did when I was a child. Perhaps a cause is a false sense of perfectionism -- an unwillingness to accept PAST actions which do not accord with current values and knowledge, and a wish to be rid of objects which remind one of one's mistake.

Turning this heuristic around: Profitably use the discards of others. One way to outfit inexpensively around here is to visit the former camp sites of 'summer hippies' in early Winter and pick over the clothing and other equipment which has been abandoned. (Caution: make sure it is really abandoned -- if in doubt, leave a note.)

BOOK REVIEWS

MARATHON 16, Martin Shepard and Marjorie Lee, Pocket Books #1971; reviewed by Haelan.

I recommend it most highly -- for the techniques illustrated: I don't necessarily agree with the values expressed, except that one's life should be as joyful as possible and that one needn't allow stifling conventions to deprive one of satisfactions. Rayo read the book also, and then we had our own 'marathon', asking and answering some of the same questions that were used in Marathon 10. This helped to bring out some things which I had thought but never talked about. (E.g. the qualities/characteristics one doesn't like about the other person. There aren't many things about Rayo which I don't like, and they are not important to me, but nevertheless, telling him what they were made me feel better. We also told what we most liked about each other.)

THE PECULIAR INSTITUTION, Kenneth M. Stampp, Vintage V253, \$1.95. This book is about negro slavery in the U.S. South before 1860. And it's interesting as straight history. But of special relevance to vonuists, are the descriptions of psychological control techniques employed and their similarity to those of current State institutions: compulsory school, conscript military, taxes. As Dick Bray (I believe) once wrote: "Slavery hasn't been abolished, just nationalized." Some quotes:

"A small group of slaves obtained from their masters the privilege of 'hiring their own time.' These bondsmen enjoyed considerable freedom of movement and were permitted to find work for themselves. They were required to pay their masters a stipulated sum of money each year, but whatever they could earn above that amount was theirs to do with as they wished.... By permitting a trusted slave artisan to hire his own time the master escaped the burden of feeding and clothing him and of finding employment for him...." (p72)

"Untutored slaves seldom speculated about freedom as an abstraction. They naturally focused their interest upon such immediate and practical benefits as escaping severe discipline and getting increased compensation for less labor." (p88)

"The masses of slaves, for whom freedom could have been little more than an idle dream, found countless ways to exasperate their masters -- and thus saw to it that bondage as a labor system had its limitations as well as its advantages. Many slaves were doubtless pulled by conflicting impulses: a desire for the personal satisfaction gained from doing a piece of work well, as against a desire to resist or outwit the master by doing it badly or not at all...." (p92)

"The overseer on a Florida plantation, dissatisfied with the rate at which the hands were picking cotton, tried 'pushing them up a little,' whereupon some of them retaliated by absconding. Sometimes these escapes resembled strikes, and master or overseer had to negotiate terms upon which the slaves would agree to return." (p113)

"James Redpath, the Massachusetts abolitionist, traveled through the slave states trying to persuade slaves to run away. But the bondsmen generally needed assistance more than persuasion." (p121)

"An Arkansas master suggested the adoption of the 'Army regulations as to the discipline in forts'. 'They must obey at all times, and under all circumstances, cheerfully and with alacrity'...." (p144)

"The master should make it his business to show his slaves, that the advancement of his individual interest, is at the same time an advancement of theirs. Once they feel this, it will require but little compulsion to make them act as it becomes them." (p147)

"Through religious instruction the bondsmen learned that slavery had divine sanction, that insolvency was as much an offense against God as against the temporal master.... They heard that eternal salvation would be their reward for faithful service, and that on the day of judgement 'God would deal impartially with the poor and the rich, the black man and the white.... Many claimed that imparting Christian doctrine to impressionable slave children was especially beneficial. 'It taught them respect and obedience to their superiors,' made them 'more pleasant and profitable servants', and aided 'the discipline of a plantation'...." (p158)

"Much could be gained by 'exciting his pride,' by cultivating in him a desire to have a reputation for honesty and fidelity.... 'If I ever notice one of 'em getting a little slack, I just talk to him; tell him we must get out of the grass, ... and then, maybe, I slip a dollar into his hand and when he gets into the field he'll go ahead, and the rest seeing him, won't let themselves be distained by him....' The rewards and incentives took numerous forms. Giving slaves a small plot of ground in which to cultivate (p154)

"His slaves were sometimes in credit to large amounts; at the present time he says he owes them about five hundred dollars.... Since the money settlements did not come until after the crops were harvested, deductions could be made for misbehavior. 'This I have found to be a powerful lever in my hands to enforce obedience and fidelity'...." (p165)

"Critics also argued that when slaves EARNED money they became 'vain and arrogant' and felt 'more independent.' It was better to ... GIVE money rewards to those who served faithfully." (p166)

"A slave was not to be 'at large' without a pass which he must show to any white man who asked to see it...." (p208)

"Those who belonged to a master with great wealth and social prestige frequently identified themselves with him and looked disdainfully upon those who belonged to humbler masters." (p335)

"The mere threat of sale was an effective method.... Many slaves believed that bondage in some distant state would be infinitely worse than the bondage they knew.... Virginia slaves heard of the horrors of the Georgia rice swamps, while Georgia slaves trembled at the thought of being shipped to the Louisiana sugar plantations." (p14)

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A LITTLE CASE SOUTH OF THE BORDER

by Al Fry

With more and more mention of Mexico and countries further down in the underground mags I suppose it's about time I take my usual stand of pointing out some different sides of the coin. This lad won't take any vehicle across the border that he can't afford to lose. Anyone with a nice camper I would strongly advise to leave in the states and go south in an older make-do job or an older car with camping equipment. This isn't advice from a few tourist scare tales but from dumbing along from Panama up to T.V. You could do a thousand crossings and may not have any trouble but let your car run into another car, run off the road or in any way break a major law - and friend your rig will be the first thing in the dollar sign vision of some 'mordida' loving official. Ask the little woman down the road from where I'm writing this now. She never did get her camper back after she and her husband lay in it (after running off the road) four days. The second day they were robbed, ramacked (cut a finger off her husband to get ring) and left for dead. There are people like this in any country. It's a hard world and what little official protection you have left from a basically sound original constitution is lost when you cross the border.

Almost anyone can truly have a lot of fun in Mexico, etc., but it takes a little common sense to blend in and not be notable to someone wanting something. The values are a little different - one can buy a life here for a few thousand and one can hire it done in Mexico for a few hundred - life is cheaper so take that into account. I have friends that still won't go near certain towns there - from stepping on wrong toes. Took my 13 year old son down to Ensenada two weeks ago for some dental savings again but as usual it was in an older car when we camped in - prices are inflating right along with the dollar up here. Paid for the trip with a little trading and selling but believe me it wasn't any illegal dealing - most are wise to fact that any such dealings are sent to Border patrol computers where the dealer who turned you in will get still another big cut from value of the goods you are caught with. Once tried to calm down the friends of a famous person who had wapped a Mexican family in her big shiny car. as they put here in an ambulance to me and god to help her but she was a little late and the boss had done its work and she got a long hard lesson where 'pull' doesn't count for much.

CHEAPER MOBILITY

by Al Fry

Let's expand on the last vomulife articles on oil and such and see where we can further save a little money. If you already have your rig then the previous oil advice will keep the bearings functioning. If you want to add from 5 to 10,000 miles to the life of your engine add a little 'Biolene' additive to your oil. This is the only anti-friction additive I will use and several oil company technicians I'm aware of use it regularly because it works. Motors can be overhauled fairly easily however and a little abuse probably won't break your budget. What doesirk me however is someone who won't spend a few dollars on a grease gun to lubricate his outfit - grease is cheap payment for a faithful set of wheels to activate you - wipe the dirt before you place new grease to a tire to prevent injection of dirt. Rear end and transmission gear oil should be changed every 20,000 miles but I seldom bother and instead cement a little magnet to the drain plug so that the loose metal which gathers in the oil will be trapped and won't abrade the bearings. The other day I spoke to a couple on the road in a school bus conversion and learned they had gone from coast to coast by the

proficient use of a small length of rubber hose alone. While this is a remarkably cheap way to obtain gas I have a different set of values and ethics to contend with and usually wind up searching out the budget stations - even lead up my 25 gallon tank occasionally at a real price drop. I keep tires a little above recommended pressure for easier rolling. Persons in Premium Burning Cars (heaven forbid) can turn their distributor a bit until the car no longer pings using a regular (you'll be able to feel out the timing if you just do it). I have used a little 4-CV Citroen now for years and since it gets about 50 mpg I try to tow it with me if I settle any place for long - let my van sit as much as possible.

Persons insolvent but with a place to leave a car can often pick up a dilapidated set of wheels for free. I spotted a nice truck some months ago which had a bludge paper on its window and because I hated to see a wrecker get it free I towed it to a friend's place and eventually got title to it through a lien sale. Get the lien sale papers from your DMV office - it's officially assume the vehicle has been on your property for many months and wait out the 3 months or so it usually takes for the wheels of legality to grind out your papers. Use your 'like they want it' imagination a little as to things you are not sure of since the DMV is seldom concerned at more than collecting their fee and detecting stolen vehicles.

When you consider it, probably the biggest money most people spend outside of housing or food is that of keeping their wheels up to date and humming. The latter chore is usually laid on someone else because the owner doesn't have the time or in most cases doesn't want to get his hands dirty. Anyone with average intelligence, some tools, and a public library to find specs, etc. can fix his own car. Soaking the carburetor in a little varnish remover overnight and replacing the points can often add up to many dollars saved in fuel consumption. As far as rubber goes I remember as a student I used to get my rubber back of service state (I don't know where that's at) here, a straight there, etc. Even now I would consider it had reached a state of momentary insanity if I paid out the price of a new tire. Junk and wrecking yards, swamp meets, back yard junkies all can supply cheap rubber.

Batteries are still a pain in the neck. A felt washer dabbed in vasoline and placed between the post and the cable terminal will eliminate this corrosion and if a cell goes bad you might jiggle the battery good. Remove the acid (in plastic bucket) and pour the acid back in after the lead-gunk has settled - hopefully this will unblock the cells. Anyone without a little charger and tester knows something I don't know about batteries because they are almost indispensable. Anyway like it or not the majority of us are stuck with wheels and it is so much cheaper if we take care of our own. There is a mounting cry by various agencies and the controlled press about oil shortages and such and it is a good bet that the powerful oil and banking interests are about ready to get the price of gas up where they want it so you can get a smaller more economical vehicle do it (and because with the 8000 soaring gas prices (this is written in april) and inflation it will be hard to buy a car since diesel fuel can be stored for years and gas can't and because diesel probably won't be rationed as high as it may be worth while for persons of some means to go diesel if their rig is a larger variety. I have the gizmos to convert my van to propane but will wait and see which way the wind blows. It's a good idea to put different valve guides in such conversions since propane doesn't lubricate them as gasoline does and trouble may soon develop. A few hundred dollars in high pressure compressor and tank is necessary to use household natural gas but it may come to that for the more inventive. As for the children's shit converters go - taken expensive filters to filter out deleterious substances from this gas or engines suffer greatly and meet an untimely demise. I strongly suspect that some of the standard 4-cylinder engines could easily be converted over to steam by changing the timing sequence and doing the appropriate plumbing to a little steam generator. If this sounds a little far fetched I can only refer to data on a fellow who converted a Ford's thru during the war. I haven't the motivation to work it all out at the moment but have always thought in my dreamy visions of one A. Fry chugging along with back hill country stoking up the steam boiler with fireman, jetsam and aqua wood along the roadways.

I suppose I must have been inspired by 'Hub Cap John', the fellow who pushed his little 4 wheeler along the highways of the Salton Sea desert country for years. I never had a long talk with him but he seemed content enough and he could scrounge enough along the roads to survive all right. (Actually I find the palm springs-indio desert country very nice in the winter and have scrounged enough to always live well on a bare budget.) Anyway, to get back to the subject, do you remember how the Biafrans were using 50 gallon barrels to 'crack' and make gasoline from crude oil? Anyway wheels are pure joy to me and I love to roll along the highways and by ways and even getting socked for gasoline isn't too terrible considering the price of hay now.

POWDERED MILK, FLAVORINGS AND CHEAP FOOD

by Al Fry

A few issues back there was an inquiry as to how one would dissolve the government subsidy powdered milk. Well I don't really think it can be done without a blender but there are other approaches. Since I was a kid I have enjoyed mixing the stuff up to a custard consistency lumps and all and just eating it. Maple syrup, molasses, jelly, peanut butter - flavor it how you wish or leave it alone or freeze it to resemble an ice cream. It tends to create gas in some persons and for these persons I recommend 'subsidy yogurt'. If you have a pilot light in your oven you can make it there. If not, figure out where the stuff will be warm and make up a batch. Powdered milk - warm water - a spoonful or so of grocery store yogurt (for starter) and you are in business. I dump the powdered milk in a running blender of warm water and dump this in a container which I set in unit oven and in the morning it's ready to cool off in refrigerator or eat as is or flavored as above. It may not taste exactly like the 'factory' stuff but it's good to me and always try to get it made at final 'home' time. There isn't any way to compete with the cage farmer and their shortcuts and small profit margin. So I pressure cooker up the backs and necks or do it in style with pre-pressed and then fried chicken. 'Wild chicken' or grouse and such I always found tough and stringy without the old pressure cook it final routine - and this is one of Col. Saunders' secrets.

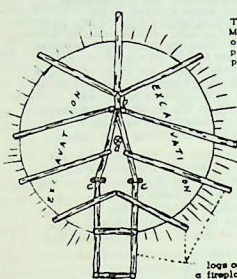
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CHAPTER IX HOUSES AND FURNISHINGS by Paul E. Schulz © 1954

The Atsugewi used earth-covered lodges as their permanent winter dwellings. These varied in size from about nine feet in length, for a single family, to more than thirty feet in length for a chief's house which was usually larger than other houses. Most frequently, houses were about twenty feet long and somewhat narrower, being occupied by three to five families. The earth lodge was elliptical in shape with one center post planted firmly in the earth floor somewhat back of true center. This supported beams running to two smaller secondary posts and to earth shoulders which resulted from excavation of the entire floor to a depth of about three feet. On the beams other poles or rafters and bark slabs (usually of incense-cedar) were laid. The whole sloping roof was then covered with pine needles and a layer of earth.

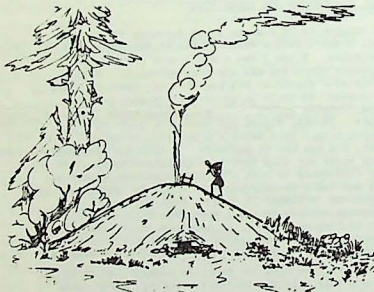
The main entrance was through a hole about in the center of the roof. Over this a heavy mat was laid in bad weather. This opening also served as a smoke hole. A ladder made of two poles with cross pieces tied on with serviceberry withes was used inside.

A secondary entrance of small size, used by children, was built



The Northeast (mountain) Maidu earth lodge plan used only three primary posts plus secondary entrance posts.

horizontally at ground level on the south (front) end of the house. It projected tunnel-like a short distance beyond the lodge outside wall. The main purpose of this ground-level opening was to act as a ventilator duct to supply draft for proper burning of the cooking and house warming fire which burned in front of the center post. At night the ventilator duct was closed. This reduced air supply, causing the fire to burn very slowly. Glowing coals developed as a result. These produced reduced but adequate heat for the occupants who slept with their feet to the fire. Men did all of the house construction work except for excavation. The women did this with digging sticks and wooden or basketry scoops with which they threw the dirt out of the pit. Excavation of the floor of the lodge not only made it easier to construct a strong house, but contributed materially to the warmth of the standard winter house.



Typical winter house of the local permanent Indian villages at lower elevations.

There was no furniture as such. Each family used an assigned portion of the house, and cooked its own food, but utilized the central communal fire. A thin layer of grass, carefully kept away from the fire, covered the floor. The Indians slept on the floor on mats made of tule. During the day these and the sleeping blankets were rolled up and provided the only seats. However, sitting

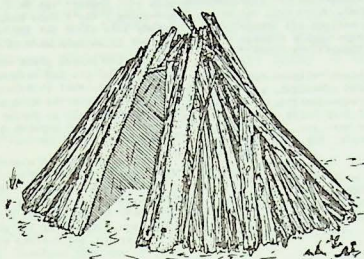
usually consisted of squatting on the floor.

Blankets of deer and elk skin were generally used. Atsugewi also used loose tule or grass blankets and all our tribes employed both woven rabbit skin and patchwork rabbit or fox blankets. Yana in addition to all the foregoing utilized bear skins; sometimes they removed the hair from their blankets.

Atsugewi pillows were of bundles of leaves or grass while those of the mountain Maidu were harder, being merely piles of small poles, blocks of wood, or rocks.

Interior earth walls of the houses were sometimes hung with tule mats or skins fastened with pegs to prevent dirt from sloughing off and rolling onto the floor. A few shelves might also be provided by laying wooden slabs on sticks driven into the dirt walls.

There were other less substantial winter houses consisting either of small double lean-tos of bark slabs or conical houses on frameworks of slender poles and with shallow excavations. Some were thrown against the outside walls for added warmth. Lazy people, who were usually consequently poor in the necessities and comforts of normal Indian life, lived in this more flimsy type of house. Also, women when indisposed repaired to such huts. A doorway was left in the siding to be closed by a tule mat in these little houses. They were also equipped with small smoke holes



Atsugewi bark house

for central fires.

Atsugewi summer houses as such really did not exist. Summer camps were little more than circular enclosures of brush, juniper, or other conifer limbs or of rock. These were ten or fifteen feet across with openings to the east. There was no roof, although branches and bark slabs might be put over crude frames in rainy weather. If a person were caught in a sudden shower he might make a temporary shelter by leaning bark slabs, if available, against a large rock or log lying on the ground.

Atsugewi did not have any separate sweat houses nor dancing or assembly chambers, but used the larger earth lodge houses for these purposes. The largest belonged to chiefs and to other well-to-do Indians. Heat for sweating was provided directly by fire and not by production of steam as was the case with Plains Indians who threw water on hot stones. In recent years, however, after introduction of the horse, Atsugewi learned the latter technique and also constructed Plains Indian type sweat houses of one to three person capacity. These were dome shaped, and built of willow poles set in the ground in a circle. The tops were bent over and tied down, and this framework was covered with skins.

Old type sweating was for men only, but Indian women--usually wives--also sweated with men in the new style separate sweat houses. Old time Atsugewi purposes in sweating were for gaining success in hunting, in gambling, and for general good luck. Some praying was done, but there were no formalized ceremonies or dances amongst the Atsugewi. Men sometimes slept in sweat houses.

In the case of all local tribes sweating was followed by a cold plunge, if available nearby. Lacking this facility, a cold sponge bath was taken.

The mountain Maidu earth lodge for dwelling and sweating was similar to that of the Atsugewi. However, northeast Maidu earth lodges "looms" were simpler and smaller than those of northwest and southern Maidu. Three posts, often forked were used in place of 10 or 11 employed for valley lodges. Excavation was about three feet deep, circular in plan, and from 18 to 40 feet across. A large flat stone was placed upright at the foot of the mainpost between it and the fire in the center. The vertical walls of the excavation were usually covered or lined with vertically placed whole or split logs or with bark slabs. Logs were lain horizontally on the three posts as indicated on the accompanying sketch. Radial rafters supporting the roof were placed on these beams and sloping downward to the ground surface outside as well as to two small

poles at the small openway or ventilator passage. Cross poles were placed horizontally on the rafters and on these, large pieces of bark, branches, and pine needles were successively laid. Lastly, a heavy covering of soil 8 to 20 inches thick was heaped on the structure. On top in the center a smokehole was left, large enough to serve as the main entrance originally, but after the coming of white man, the smokehole was made smaller, and instead, the originally small ventilator tunnel which sloped from roof level up to the ground surface outside was enlarged, thus supplanting the smokehole as the main entrance. Originally a ladder of two poles with cross pieces tied on with grapevine or other withes gave vertical access from the floor to the smokehole entrance. Dixon reports that a notched log was sometimes used for the purpose among mountain Maidu.

The loom or lodge was occupied from November to March and was situated on the edges of wide meadows in mountain Maidu areas. At lower elevation occupancy was more or less continuous.

Mountain Maidu did not have separate sweat houses. They always used a large earth dwelling lodge for the purpose. This was similar to the Atsugewi practice. These Maidu did, however, have a formalized sweat dance. Also different from the Atsugewi was the practice of men using the sweat house for gambling, handicraft work, and competitive singing.

The "hoor-boo" of the mountain Maidu was a hut, 6 to 15 feet in diameter and excavated 12 to 15 inches deep. Two main poles were securely tied near the end. From the resulting "V" at the top, stouter poles were laid to a pair of slender posts about three feet high and set about three feet apart along the edge of the excavation. Against this frame branches, bark, and leaves were piled and earth was heaped around the bottom. The doors of all such bark huts opened to the south and were hung with a skin or tule mat.

The rude summer shelter or shade provider was just like that of the Atsugewi.

Information on Yahu house details are somewhat scanty, but in all probability they were small conical bark-covered huts while some larger earth lodges were built to house several families--in general similar, but perhaps smaller than those of the other tribes of the Lassen area. The large pretentious lodge, constructed solely for sweating and ceremonies, of the Sacramento Valley tribes seems to have been lacking among all of our local tribes.

The mountain bark hut dwelling of the Yana was apparently built over a circular depression two feet or more in diameter and about six feet above the ground. It was made of brush, juniper, or other conifer limbs or of rock. These were ten or fifteen feet across with openings to the east. There was no roof, although branches and bark slabs might be put over crude frames in rainy weather. If a person were caught in a sudden shower he might make a temporary shelter by leaning bark slabs, if available, against a large rock or log lying on the ground.

The Yana lodge houses were not numerous. The ground plan was long, usually wedge or oval in outline and designed for several families, each with its own fire. As with the other tribes discussed in this booklet, such buildings also served as sweat houses. A ladder consisting of a notched log extended down from the smoke rafters and shorter side posts were employed. The Yana followed the Atsugewi practice of providing each earth lodge with a south facing, ground level, tunnel-like ventilator entrance of small size. It is possible that Yana did have a few special sweating lodges of the same design, but the matter is debatable. During sweating Yana men talked and played; the main purpose of sweating was to make men strong.

It has already been pointed out that all four tribes which used what is now Lassen Volcanic National Park did so only during the summer. During their high mountain sojourn, the local Indians did not live in houses as such. There, residence during the three or four summer months was in temporary camps, usually roofless circular areas to accommodate several families. These were fenced in with brush and were entered by one or more openings somewhat in the same manner as campfires reserved for visitors at their permanent villages at lower elevations. Four-posted horizontal roofs, to provide shade, were sometimes constructed too. Yana seem to have made a lean-to or hut with grass and bark covering for summer roofs.

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What To Do When Arrested

Most arrests -- two-thirds, in fact -- are for such petty crimes as gambling, drunkenness, vagrancy and disorderly conduct. The single most common cause of arrest, among both men and women, is drunkenness. For every person accused of murder, more than 230 are arrested for drunk. Indeed, only 1/5 of 1% of all arrests are for homicide, and less than 10% for the big Seven (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny over \$50, and auto theft).

If you're an educated, white, middle-class adult living in Suburbia, chances are you'll fare better with the police than would an uneducated, poor, black youth from the ghetto. But that doesn't mean you're immune to the possibility of false arrest, police harassment or even physical brutality. A professor watching a recent peace demonstration witnessed some police shenanigans and began copying down badge numbers. Eight cops jumped and pummeled him while another policeman grabbed the piece of paper from his hand. The professor was arrested for disturbing the crowd, assault and resisting arrest. Middle-class people are also apt to be arrested for asking to see a cop's identification, for tearing up traffic tickets, for saying "I know my rights," or for doing little more than threatening a cop's self-esteem.

The risk of arrest is even greater for the young people, including those for the suburbs. In fact, suburban kids are sometimes more likely to be arrested for minor infractions of the law than are city dwellers. James Q. Wilson, author of *Varieties in Police Behavior*, notes that suburban cops are prone to arrest youngsters "in great part because, lacking much experience, they tend to attend to, they have the time and inclination to keep track of minor matters."

Marijuana use and drug experimentation, of course, are rife among the nation's adolescents. According to the report of the National Council on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, 1/5 of all young people ages 18 have already tried pot. This estimate is regarded by many as extremely conservative, and plenty of patience (by all means sue. A Brooklyn longshoreman who claimed he had been beaten by two cops "like an animal in a cage" was recently awarded \$145,000 from the city.

At the scene of the arrest, pay attention to details. Make sure you know the name of the street you're on. Look around for possible witnesses. Listen carefully to whatever the cop tells you. If, as it turns out later, he made an illegal arrest, any evidence he uncovered while arresting you will be inadmissible in court. And if you're only accused of a misdemeanor, there's a good chance that the arrest was illegal -- generally, a cop has to see you commit a misdemeanor in order to arrest you. Get the badge or car number of the cop who arrested you, this can help get your case dismissed. Write down all information as soon as you can -- you'll need it for details. Write when the cop doesn't see -- if he takes your notes it may help his testimony.

Books which ~~MONKEYS+@RTH~~ recommends for advice are *GROWING UP CLEAN IN AMERICA*, Joseph S. Lobenthal (out of print but available at most libraries); *UP AGAINST THE LAW*, Jean Strouse, New American Library, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York 10019, 95¢; *THE BUSY BODY*, Grove Press, 85 Bleeker St., New York, NY 10012, \$1.25; *STREET SHEET'S GREATEST HITS*, National Lawyers Guild, 197 Steiner St., San Francisco, Ca 94117, 25¢.

(This is from May 72 ~~MONKEYS+@RTH~~, thanks to Lloyd. ~~MONKEYS+@RTH~~ has a reputation for unreliability. They take info from other publications which may already be stale and unreliable and rehash it slightly so that it sounds authoritative. Like the *WALL STREET JOURNAL*, they sound quite impressive, ~~UNLESS~~ the reader happens to know what they are talking about. I'd like to see advice by people with first hand experience.)

~~MONKEYS+@RTH~~ goes on to advise one to get a lawyer. This is like the medical 'help' books which say, get a doctor. From what little experience I've had with practitioners of those professions, I've concluded that the vast majority are essentially worthless. On the other hand I've heard of fantastic performances by the few who knew what to do and had the courage to do it.

Based on present knowledge, if I needed a lawyer I'd seek one who specialized in getting people out of jail and had a 'radical' reputation -- who didn't mind stepping on Establishment toes. The average local lawyer is part time, the rolling buddy of the judge, sheriff and district attorney. And his wife plays bridge with their wives, etc. His career depends on remaining in their good graces. Will he do anything which might embarrass or inconvenience them for the sake of a client who, most likely, he will never see again? Of course he will happily go thru the motions of defending someone -- as long as their money lasts. Lawyers are also prone to make 'trades' -- all the client down the river so that the bludg will go easy on another.

A capable 'defender' needs, I suspect, not so much knowledge of law, as knowledge of 'pressure points' in the System. There are so many (millions) laws subject to so many interpretations that anyone can be easily jailed for 20 years or let loose, depending on the mood of the judge, etc. So the 'defender' must put skillful pressure on the judge or prosecuting attorney in such a way as to make further persecution 'embarrassing' or 'painful' for the bludg. Once this is done the bludg themselves will interpret the law in favor of their victim.

There are advantages if the 'defender' is not a lawyer. The price of lawyers is artificially high because of the long years of only-partially-relevant schooling required for admission to the bar. And a lawyer can be threatened with disbaring. Non-lawyer 'defender' might be a rewarding prospect for radicals growing beyond movementism who are able to stomach heavy involvement with bludg-land.

What is the best way to get in contact with a highly competent defender (attorney or non-attorney) in event of incarceration, assuming no previous contact or knowledge? (For us, and I suspect most women, the probability of arrest is too low to spend time/money in advance retaining attorneys or other defenders.) Is American Civil Liberties Union good for this? National Lawyers Guild? I'll be interested in the suggestions of anyone who has had experience as a defendant in a 'crime without victims'. EDITOR

HOW TO ASSIST THE LEARNING OF WILDERNESS-VOMU SKILLS

First, I think that the 'classroom' approach to teaching (involving lecturing) is too passive for both parties. It is too easy for the lecturer to make assumptions about the listener and it is also easy for the listener to daydream, go off on another thought, not interrupt out of 'courtesy' or agree with what is being said in order to cover ignorance. Whenever I teach (which is very rare) it is always on a one-to-one basis and the emphasis is on a 'Socratic Method'. I will pepper the 'instructor' with questions and find that repeating questions to test knowledge is often very informative.

While a 'demonstration' involves ~~ASING~~ it is still a display in a similar manner as is the lecture. For example, if the subject were snout-spots, I might begin by discussing possible locations for a snout-spot. I would ask what factors the instructor would consider (tho many people try to make this difficult by proclaiming complete ignorance -- which requires more ingenuity by the 'instructor') and hopefully we would argue or discuss the matter to mutual profit. Then we would go about searching for a spot which would suit our (or the instructor's) requirements, and further discuss how well the areas we looked corresponded to what we were intending with our words. Then I might ask for ideas the instructor has for constructing shelter or bed. This approach might be more difficult with food but there is nothing to stop me from answering my own questions when that seems necessary.

Then there is 'psychodrama' -- perhaps this should be called 'role-playing' since 'psychodrama' involves the acting out of emotionally provocative incidents in one's life. I attended a Free University 'class' on 'Legal Rights' in which a short discussion of situations and legal technicalities was followed by a physical enactment of being hassled by cops. It sounds corny but the 'instructors' certainly did a good job of making me sweat when they acted out the role of a couple of police trying to arrest me. I highly recommend this tool of theory-practice integration. CBET

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS -- The only regularity I have been able to discern in their coding is that apparently the first digit of the number [of the last four digits] is even in the case of male cardholders, odd for females -- as far as I know. ~~WALL STREET~~

MAKING THE TRANSITION TO ECANES FOOD

I hope that what I suggest here helps make the transition from a conventional North American diet to the ECANES diet, described in my book *OUT OF SIGHT EATING*, a pleasant one. I don't force taste posing any particular problem, to anyone relatively free of food prejudices. However, some of the tastes and textures will be at least a little different from usual and may therefore take some getting used to. I think this is to be expected since tastes are acquired. Consider that people in one part of the world may turn their noses up at what is considered a delicacy somewhere else.

With few exceptions, I liked all of our ECANES foods right from the beginning. But with time I have come to really relish them. The foods that took an effort on my part to get used to were bone meal, limestone flour, and molasses. But after repeated tastes over a number of months I came to tolerate well all three, and sometimes even like them. (Rayo's not minding them at all made it easier for me to learn to eat them.)

In addition to the psychological adjustment to the ECANES diet, I think there is a physiological adjustment. Dr. Shelton (Orthotrophy Vol II) claims that repeatedly eating a food increases the body's ability to digest it.

If one experiences any distress, such as indigestion/gas, I suggest decreasing the portion size and eating only one or two foods at a time, paying attention to combinations.

Some people are reportedly allergic to whole wheat. If this seems to be the problem, before condemning it, determine if the difficulties mightn't be improper combinations or stale wheat. Even home-baked bread is often made out of store-bought or otherwise stale flour, rather than flour home-ground ~~IMMEDIATELY~~ before baking. And there may be additions such as honey which interfere with digestion.

Perhaps because the ECANES diet is high in roughage and rich in B vitamins, it may have a laxative effect. Dr. Brukitt, who recommends bran for intestinal health, says there may be gas for 2 or 3 weeks, but that this disappears as the bran has its effect.

I formerly never considered myself constipated but by present standards I must have been. According to one author, bowel movements should occur 3 times a day, the number of meals. If the foods, and starches especially, require thoro mastication, so don't forget to chew, chew, and eat slowly; what's the rush, I tell myself. Tomorrow as another beautiful day, with more delicious food to eat.

I hope that anyone who tries the ECANES diet will stick with it, realizing that all the adaptations, both psych and physiologic take time. I remind myself that things worth getting take work setting.

If one eats little, or best, none of the processed foods, molasses by the teaspoon, not the cup; does easy on ECANES cookies; and raw foods; cooks conservatively when cooking, and rounds things out with supplements and vitamins, the diet outlined in *OUT OF SIGHT EATING* may do as well for one as it does for Rayo and me.

How well is that? Our health is good, the best it's been in our lives, and getting better; in the last year or two we've had no colds, no doctor/drug bills and no new cavities!

Certain aspects of our diet may pose different problems for different individual but I see no reason why it cannot be tailored to meet the needs of most people interested in adopting it. After all it's actually more nutritious than what most people in N. America eat. ~~HABLAH HYGLA~~ (A condensed version of *OUT OF SIGHT EATING* was published in 1973 *VOMULIFE*.)

HAIRPULLING THE BORDER BETWEEN U.S., CANADA IS A HAPHAZARD AFFAIR

(Condensed from "ALL STREET JOURNAL, thanks to Ezech)

Follwing what has been termed the "world's longest unguarded border" often proves a frustrating task for the agents of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Justice Dept. unit charged with preventing the entry of illegal aliens into the U.S. Unlike the 1800 mile Mexican border, where there are an estimated 1000 patrolmen, the Northern line has only about 300 agents who, on skis, snowshoes and snowmobiles, among other things, must cope with 4,000 miles of largely wilderness area where people can walk across without detection almost at will.

There aren't any federal detention facilities on the Northern border, as there are on the Mexican line, so those aliens the U.S. wants to prosecute must be put up at local jails (at so a night). As a result, most of the 12,000 illegal aliens arrested along the Canadian border last year were merely deported. Many simply turned around and tried again -- often successfully. "For every one we catch, at least 10 others get away."

Most of the action along the Canadian border takes place in the 1200-mile-long Northeast sector, a corridor that includes two Great Lakes, Niagara Falls, Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence Seaway, scores of smaller waterways, hundreds of roads, and more than 100 rural airstrips where small planes can land and take off undetected.

Total arrests along the entire Canadian border last year were about 50% higher than in 1971. (Canada doesn't patrol its side of a regular basis, except for an occasional spot check by Mounties.) Immigration officials cite one reason for the increased activity is that recently reduced immigration quotas make it more difficult for many foreigners to enter the States legally. The vast majority of arrests on the Canadian border, therefore, are of people seeking to work in the U.S. without the necessary papers. Washington estimates there are more than two million illegal aliens in the country, a quarter of whom are believed to be in New York City; many of these used Canada as their springboard.

Drug hauls are relatively small. And seizures of other contraband, such as Cuban cigars or gold coins, are also infrequent. Border patrolmen cite another reason for the increased activity: an apparent growth in the number of organized smuggling rings that promise to deliver aliens across the border in return for fees up to \$1000. It's a lucrative trade, and immigration officials bemoan that first-offenders can get by with as little as \$500 fine, then go right back into business.

To foil the smugglers, the Border Patrol has imbedded what it calls "anti-intrusion devices" in many of the backwoods border roads that don't have regular inspection stations -- just a gas telling aliens to check in at one. The devices give off a signal in the roving patrol cars whenever anything metallic -- even a bicycle -- crosses over. Each device has a different signal that tells the patrol car which road is being traveled.

But many smugglers have figured out crafty elusve tactics. The smugglers often operate in pairs and send a "scout car" over the unguarded road to see if the coast is clear. If patrol cars appear, the scout car draws them into a chase, leaving the road open for the aliens to make it across. "The scout cars" occupants usually have papers proving they're Canadians, and they generally claim they're lost. "Unless they have good reasons to detain the occupants, agents generally just escort them back to Canada."

Aliens try to come across in all ways imaginable -- hidden in the trunk of a car, under the back seat, strapped underneath, or even in with the engine.

Sometimes people try to come through one of the regular U.S. border inspection stations. If these people are denied entrance, a "red alert" is flashed to all the other inspection points in the area and to the border patrol to be on the lookout for the car. The biggest "headache" is the uncounted scores who simply walk across the border through dense woods or other areas where patrols are infrequent and difficult.

There are approximately 15 agents operating in the field at any one time patrolling the 176-mile border segment in New York and Vermont.

Mr. Lowery calls recruits for the \$12,000-to-\$14,000-a-year job that the mortality rate is the highest of any major enforcement agency in the U.S.

Darby, a small town, straddles the Vermont-Quebec border. Many of the town's roads criss-cross back and forth between the two countries, and it's pretty difficult at times to know where the border is, let alone who's coming and going.

WHAT IS THE BEST WEAPON FOR POT HUNTING?

I do not know the air-rifle (Wishoh) you mention but had an Apache for years and years. It was a bolt action loader. With pump up air supply very much like a Benjamin. 0.25 caliber with a liner to bring it down to BB size. Small size more or less useless -- I never used it. SLOW to load and pump up. Used round lead balls that were a slight drive fit. Normally put in 5 pumps. Six was all I could get without resorting to some extra leverage. Was surprisingly loud. Almost that of a 22 short. Would shoot well for short distances; lost its power very quickly. If you want a gun-shaped weapon to plink with, consider an air rifle. But if you want as noisy as possible a rabbit/squirrel getter, I would use one of the following, in order of preference:

(1) A set of slingshot rubbers or two and 4 or 5 pounds of 00 buckshot (0.34"). Since car tubes no longer furnish a source of good stretchy rubber you probably will have to buy (ugh!) the natural. But you use paying out to three bucks for the fancy crotch when mother nature will furnish you a myriad of crotches for free with the use of your pocket knife a few moments. But you need good ammo. While rocks are cheap they tend to wander. The buckshot should give you plenty to practice with and still get your hunting done. Any rabbit/squirrel you can get close enough to get with the air-rifle you can get with the slingshot.

(2) For the price of the air-rifle you should be able to pick up a very good 22. While the ammo is more expensive the 22 will extend your range of game if you are careful where you hit it. A silence is illegal but I haven't tried this but think it will do the job. Use window screen and a nice soft easy-to-bend wire about 1/8" diameter or so. Wrap around a dowel 5/16" maybe. Solder or spot together. The wire acts as a spacer. It winds up in a spiral. Out a clip to fit the end of the barrel and work it at the right stage. Make it as big around as you can and still clear the sight. A low

power scope sight will probably be worth the extra loot, and give more room for the aimless. Six or eight inches is probably plenty long. This might need an expansion chamber on the inboard end, which could be made of a small juice can. I don't think the whole thing needs to be made of a small juice can. You don't care where the gas goes if you can break up the sound. If my figures and those in Popular Science for Nov. 71, p62 are correct you should not get through the sound barrier with any long rifle solid point. May be an occasional sonic bullet in long rifle hollow point. It shouldn't be any problem to quiet a 22 down to that of the air rifle, or even a good deal less. Even a single-shot 22 will get your second shot ready much faster than the air rifle. If this is a neat getter you won't be shooting enough to hurt your bank account. Flinking can use a lot of ammo!

(3) A blow gun. I knew a guy here that made them as a side line. Used a glass tube liner (a selling gink) in a thin wall tube. With a four-footer he could always hit a 3" bullseye from 25 to 30 feet. For darts he bought a plastic bead. (Dimestore stuff molded around the string.) About a 1/16" mastic wire. A quick touch on a grindstone gave a point. Heat the head end red hot and jam into the center of the bead. He made a jig so he could make them fast and get them centered. They always struck point first. Have an amazing amount of penetrating power! His were about 1/2" or 3/8". Also can make darts with a small cone shaped piece of paper and the old style wood lath nail, about 1" long, makes a good point. 2" of cone is plenty long. Try for a snug fit in the tube. Without poison or tranquillizer these have a surprising stopping power for small game. Very quiet.

Should you want larger ammo for the sling shot? If you know some one into muzzle loaders perhaps they would cast you some or let you use their bullet mold. Sometimes you might run across old ball bearings which work very well.

I have an Armalite A7 survival rifle (22 long rifle). I am impressed by its usefulness. Flats, takes down, stows in the stock, about 3 pounds, no fancy finish but looks strong.

Shotgun News, Box 1147, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, is a tabloid-size ad paper. About 112 pages. Twice a month. Gives sources for all kinds of stuff. \$4 a year. M. HEAD

I have used several good European air rifles and while accuracy is superb the pellets are too light to kill as cleanly as I wished. In fact the only heavy pellets are the Sk riden type. I used to cut long roll-out lead and roll out the thing into pellets of solid lead 22 size or you will have under the gun. I must be a bit of a nut to not too accurate although little swaging die might save the day. I was always going to experiment with nerve poison on pellet although it was too much hassle. A. FRY

INEXPENSIVE FOOTWEAR, GLASS FRAMES, GUILDERS

Boots are expensive, especially since Rayo can go thru a pair (liberally!) in less than a year. (I take somewhat longer.) We were using used GI Vietnam combat boots but when the price went up from \$5 or \$6 to \$7 or \$8 we started thinking of an alternative.

I decided that thrift-shop tennis shoes might be the answer. I've been able to purchase both the high top and low for about 45¢ a pair. (They are often priced higher, in which case I pass them by.) Rayo wears out a pair in less than two months in Summer; one pair has lasted me a half year -- which isn't long but at the low price I can't complain.

In the past we've been able to shop many thrift stores as we made our yearly food-buying trip up and down the Pacific Coast. This has enabled us to get many good buys. But even thrift stores in this area serve us well, but we must often buy things when on the shelves, before we need them. If one can anticipate needs and/or wait, the second-hand shops supply department/variety store goods at a fraction of the price.

Eye glasses can be had cheaply (50¢ to \$1). Hot water softens the plastic so the unwanted lenses can be removed and one's own put in -- if the frame is broken but not the lenses.

We also get some beautiful woolen socks in the thrift stores. I've even seen universal foot choppers for \$2. HAZELAN

ANOTHER HONEST OCCUPATION OR 2

Oddly enough there are many more one-man fortunes today being made from non-ore-bearing rock, than the mineralized varieties. For persons wandering around the bonedocks I would strongly suggest keeping your eyes peeled for likely potentials. Example: I have a friend who staked a few claims in a lava flow canyon in Idaho and has done rather well selling building stone and Jasper. He loads up his pickup when he needs some money and hauls the rocks to a building contractor. The contractor may want 22 or 24 wide slabs so my friend takes a hammer and chisel and fractures the rock to size, which is really easy once a 'face' is blown free. If you get wind of a new road going in someplace, a nearby source of gravel for it will set you up financially for years. Another acquaintance located a turquoise mine in the N.M. outback and now just spends a few months in the summer blasting and hauling the stuff and the rest of the year he goes off here in S. Calif. spending money and enjoying himself. A fellow west of Winnemucca, Nev. has been living high for years with his opal mines. A. FRY

1. Who needs a Swiss bank account? They are a nuisance to obtain, pay 0-3% interest. Why not consider a Danish bank account instead? Denmark has total bank secrecy, like Switzerland, and it is easy to open by mail a convertible (i.e. receivable and payable in any desired currency) bank account paying interest up to 10%. Foreign accounts may be maintained in amounts up to 70,000 kroner (over \$10,000), plus the amount of unapplied dividends. (This was advertised in Time magazine recently, but perhaps it escaped most of your readers.) There are two disadvantages: a. These are term, not demand, accounts; hence not terribly liquid. b. It might be hard to explain the source of the microfilm copy of a Danish check in your name which turned up at your local bank in case of withdrawal. It might be possible to circumvent this difficulty with a little ingenuity, however. A cool address to send your inquiry to: P. Glindemann-Sørensen/Amagervej 5/DK-2160 København/JENMARK.

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this is by lnn. mail which came to vonulife during June was lost on its way to me. no money was lost because it had already been taken out, and vonulife orders had already been filled. but I never got orders for vonulink nor things for publication. so if you sent something in late May or June and it hasn't appeared please try again, or if you know of anyone who sent for vonulink and didn't get it please tell me to complain. I've asked the people who picked up the mail during June to search their memories for clues to who ordered vonulink and hopefully I'll get most this May. if your subscription ended with #12 (May 1973) and you sent renewal promptly but just now got #13 and #14 this is probably the reason. I'm sorry to take so long getting vonulink out. it's already the middle of Sept. as I'm typing this and it probably won't get mailed to you until Oct. problem is I've either got to send it to a printer and get it shipped back or else wait until somebody is going to a town where there is the right kind of printer and give it to e to print and mail. but I'm working on an arrangement to cut the complications and delay and hope to have something worked out by next issue.

here are some changes of address. these are for outfits listed in "special information sources". vonulife 1973. pp.111-114. ticonderoga sports club, p.o. box 743, harvey, ill., 60426. nomad/other scenes, John Wilcock, BGM-nomad, London WCIV, England. vacations for social change, 4911 telegraph ave., oakland, ca94609. some new people have taken over travelers' directory and hope to put out a copy soon. it hasn't been published in four years. travelers' directory, 835 church st. (4), lancaster, penn. 17602.

underground press syndicate is still functioning. (a few issues back I said I hadn't heard from them but since then I have.) rationalist church of america has moved but I've mislaid their new address. they've closed out their p.o. box. (to whoever is readers who wrote them and used vonulife for a return address, your letter came back.) okay to use vonulife pob for return address on your mail (but if something comes back to it getting it back to you will be slow).

in case vonulife type isn't small enough for you vonulife 1973 and older is being put on microfilm and sold by xerox university microfilms, 300 north zeeb road, ann arbor, mich. 48106. I don't know the price. they must be putting just about everything printed on microfilms if they are going after xines as small as vonulife. (in case you got a xine - all I had to do was send them free copies, they list in their catalog and pay 15¢ royalty on what they sell.) I forgot to mention, ups puts out "underground press review" monthly newsletter. \$3 a year to individuals, \$10 to non-ups-member organisations. issue I got has got an article on copyright law and news items about underground papers.

Hello! We've been wondering "where-oh-where"... there must be others ... but not a sign. Then I read an ad and a letter in Mother Earth. This life style we've into (and getting deeper day by day) was not really planned - we just found our nerves jangling and stomachs queezing at the thought of "going back" and picking up the strings of where we left off (get a job, a dwelling, etc. etc. etc. etc.) - So we began in-depth research into all our books and Mother Earths about living off the land and low budget. Our 5x7 nylon tent has thus far comfortably housed ... and our 6-mo.-old coon-australian shepherd dog and myself thru snow, rain and sun. The snow was late May early near Snowmass, Colorado, thus not too cold - about 40° - and we've yet to survive a winter, but we're slowly moving west and it's sure there will be no problem as far as shelter is concerned. We've gained a multitude of ideas from an old Whole Earth Catalog, Mothers, Boycott Fieldbook, and Foxfire 1. Now, in the New Forest Forest of Idaho - Salmon River Canyon, berries are plentiful - blackberries (on joy!), thornapples (syrrup), wild small green apples (pare, core and sliced - drying in the sun - limited only by storage space in our Bronco), plums (experimenting with drying them now), chokecherries (need lots of sugar - make great pies, etc.). Our main hassle has been finding mills, etc. to buy large quantity whole wheat and brown rice. We'd give our eye-teeth (second thought - better keep them for tearing tough foods) for other people's hand-picked wisdom - ideas, ideas - we need em. We've got about \$10 which goes a long way, but... Trout fishing is a newly acquired skill for us - previously vegetarians but feel fine about it, doing our own catching. Maybe we'll give that up when we are feeling more secure in this life style. Learning new forage plants daily but not quickly enough. Thinking of dropping into fruit country and working a few days picking - or going to farm houses seeking day labor, cleaning, fixing, painting...

Dear Vom People, It appears that you've been thinking harder and longer about some of the same values that I've been trying to shape my life around.

There are 3 of "us" - v.... n... and myself. We are intimate. We've learned to overcome the jealousy-insecurities and recognise the built in failures (of nearly all forms of social organization and expression) that break communities up. We believe that it's impossible to hold onto and take satisfaction in each other unless we become a community (fairly isolated - socially, culturally, materially self-contained) of 12 to 20 people who strive to be very distinct and independent on both an individual and community basis. We don't believe that men and women should live together. We hope that each person will want to (and will in fact - while and/or able) maintain his/her own shelter and be able to understand-produce all the things that the individual consumes. Don't misunderstand. We are very sensual and close. We'll spend a lot of time with each other and do tasks together. But we won't divide labor and/or specialise. Love and desire for each other depends on maintaining ones individuality and sense of "aloneness".

Problem: 1) We'd like to minimise or avoid - if possible - "ownership" and preoccupation with property. I don't like the idea of buying something that was originally stolen. I don't like to contribute my share to the inflation of property values that speculators and realtors feed upon. 2) We want to achieve stability and a sense of place. Even if we are able to nourish ourselves mainly by gathering wild foods - thereby avoiding the inherent property trip and land investment that agriculture entails - it would be easier to realize "community" if we didn't have to worry about being pushed around by people who own or represent property interests. "Owning" the land we'll use would - seemingly - allow us to be free in some ways, but I hate to join in the business of cutting up the earth (even tho we could afford it in terms of income and savings). c., oregon

Dear Vonulife: ... mention my desire for a companion to any female vonu who is in need of companionship, etc., and attractive (not fat) and 25 to 50, blonde preferred, but auburn, brunette O.K. too (no BLACK witchy-looking type tho!). I'm 65, 5'2" high, 165-lbs., tired of getting nowhere via shoestring financing, etc., and finally with suf 3 to get away, but to there --- outside of 8 acres I have in Christmas Valley, Oregon (no trees) and have a never been married due to a career of hitchhiking and working for room & board or \$1 per hour (for last 20 years on Rosemont) and previously \$2 per week, 8 hours per day -- and always yearning for a place of own away from the mess. Mixed a movie career due to malnutrition and wound up in a hospital just after couple screen tests sponsored via Myrna Loy (so not too ugly at present)! Female vonu can regard me as anything she wants, a brother (!), uncle, associate, companion, father, employer, etc., but she must not be on dope or alcohol (beer or hard drink once in awhile) and prefer country to city. I have a 52 Ford wagon, which I've converted into a sort of camper-van, but it heats up via day time driving, so will have to travel via night, to Oregon, or ? And I've been researching in metaphysics since around 12 or so, due to the many weird occurrences happening around and to me, thus can write couple books on what I have discovered. Fairly well preserved physically due to not eating much in past, and present - minus meat and favoring fruits and vegs, but dislike preparing such other than via canned vegs and raw fruits. Don Bush, 563 N. Marango, Pasadena, Calif. 91101.

I own forest land near Lake Pemd Oreille in Idaho and would be delighted if someone wanted to become invisible upon it. I am a yogi or witchy type. The general public finds me completely outrageous. Thus I am forced toward you, by them. My address 15 north 100 east. My phone number is 801-438-5112. I am not available on week-ends. I am a metamorphosis product (new man). I will answer letters with respect to abstractions (i.e., English language too). I apologise for violating any of your customs of speech. George C. Denman General Delivery, Beaver, Utah 84713.

A tip for being stuck in towns for some reason, and dirty with city grime. For showers, we have YMCA-YMCA membership cards. They have a lot of other services we don't use much, like first aid clinics, cheap rooms, a place to exercise in the city. Fees vary here from \$4 to \$60/year. A local membership card is good anywhere they say. Sometimes a guest pass is necessary. It seems men can obtain memberships in YMCAs and vice versa. Here a woman's card is far cheaper. Family memberships are also available. It amazed me how many local chapters exist even in a rural state such as this one.... Bill & Isabel, Va

DEAR FREEDOM SEEKERS,

JUST A FEW IDEAS FROM MIDDLE AMERICA.
LIZ & I WERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA LAST
SPRING CHECKING OUT MIGRATION POSSIBILITIES.
THE COUNTRIES WE CHECKED OUT INCLUDE
MEXICO, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, SALVADOR,
NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA & PANAMA.

MOST OF THE COUNTRIES HAVE VERY LITTLE TO
OFFER THE "AMERICAN" WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
COSTA RICA. COSTA RICA IS A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
IT IS A STABLE GOVERNMENT AS FAR AS WE
COULD TELL THERE IS A GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY ON
UTILITIES, & THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY.

THE CLIMATE IS SPRING-LIKE (IN THE CENTRAL PART.)
THEY HAVE A RAINY SEASON (MAY TO OCT. I BELIEVE)
BUT IT IS NOT A CONTINUOUS RAIN, THE SUN USUALLY
SHINES. THE PEOPLE ARE VERY FRIENDLY. MOST OF
THE COUNTRY IS MADE UP OF LOWER MIDDLE CLASS
FOOD IS LOCALLY GROWN, VERY CHEAP & VERY GOOD
FOOD IS EVEN CHEAP, COMPARED TO U.S.
PRICES. THERE ARE PLenty OF PRIMITIVE AREAS WITH
LITTLE OR NO INHABITATION. WE LOOKED AT 10
LITTLE ON THE BEACH (PACIFIC SIDE) FOR \$5000
IT WAS PRETTY INACCESSIBLE, BUT REALLY
BEAUTIFUL. THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH BEACH FRONT
IS THAT FOR MOST NORTH AMERICANS IT IS DEEP SAND
FOR THE HEALTH OVER LONG PERIODS. LAND CAN
BE BOUGHT ON THE EDGE OF THE PRIMITIVE
FOREST FOR \$1000 PER ACRE, AND PUT INTO
PRODUCTION FOR ANOTHER \$500 PER ACRE.

THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF NORTH AMERICANS
RESIDING IN C.R. THEY RANGE FROM LONG
HAIRS HOMESTEADING IN THE MOUNTAINS, TO GENTLEMEN
ENGLISH DAIRY FARMERS. THE MAIN LANGUAGE
IS SPANISH WITH ENGLISH, JAPANESE, & ITALIAN
IN ABOUT ABOUT THAT ORDER. YOU DON'T HAVE
TO BE A CITIZEN OF THE COUNTRY TO WORK
IF YOU HAVE A TRADE LIKE CARPENTRY, OR
THE PAID ISN'T TO GREAT THE BEST.

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I can tell you how to lite a backpacking stove like optimus or even. The instructions that come with the stove aren't worth shit. There's a little saucer like gizmo under the works in these stoves. You get a little gas into this saucer & lite it. That heats up the plumbing & vaporizes & pressurizes the gas inside, so when you open the valve you can fire up the vapor that hisses out. The problem is to get that little bit of gas into that saucer in the first place. The optimus instructions suggest you heat the gas tank with your hands until a little gas oozes out. This has got to be the most half assed suggestion anyone ever made. You try it some cold morning in the woods when you're dying for hot coffee. You're supposed to heat the thing with your hands, but they don't say what you heat your hands with. This method will work alright, but it may take 30 or 40 minutes of struggling.

The even instructions add that if hand heating doesn't work, you should heat the bottom of the stove with several matches. That's a little better idea, only half half assed. The point of all this is mainly to put a little gas in that saucer & the easy solution is just to put it there. There are 2 sensible ways: 1) if you carry an extra little can of gas, pour some gas from it onto the works so it fills the saucer, or 2) open the fuel tank on the stove & take some gas out with a eyedropper or by pipetting with a bit of tubing (like 3 in. of a plastic straw) & put it in the saucer.

Here's the whole process: Turn the knob both ways a few times so the needle will come up & clean out the gas orifice, then turn the valve all the way shut. Open the fuel tank to equalize air pressure & while it's open, take out a little gas & put in saucer, or pour some gas from the spare gas can. Close the fuel tank tightly. Make sure you haven't slopped gas all over yourself or the neighborhood, you're not out to burn yourself or the woods. If gas spills where it shouldn't be, wipe it up or wait for it to dry. Now lite the gas in the saucer & watch the pretty flames. When the flames burn out, open the valve a crack & lite the gas vapor that hisses out. Upper level students try to save a match by opening the valve just in time to catch the last flicker of flame before it dies out. This method will get you cooking fast & easy every time.

In VL 12 someone quoted some prices for dried fruit from jaffe bros. I have a 10 month old catalog from them with these same prices & i'm sure they must be much higher now. Your best source for unprocessed food is a food co-op if there's one near you. It occurs to me that i can easily offer a service to anyone stuck way out in the boonies far from any cheap food source, & pocket a few shekles at the same time. I work in a food co-op & i will sell food to VL readers at our non member price, plus postage. Write & i'll send you our price list of over 150 items in these categories: herbs & spices, dried fruits, nuts & seeds, beans & grains, baking supplies, misc. Our policy is to stock good food at lowest prices, so we don't stock all organic. If organic is only a little more, we'll probably stock it. But if organic costs say twice as much, we'll stock non organic or maybe both. You may be able to find better prices locally, especially if you can buy in bulk. But the prices i offer will compare favorably with most other mail order & health food store sources. For price list write to me: jim stumm/box 29, hiler branch/kennmore, ny 14223.

Picking up on lan's suggestion in VL 13, i'm willing to do a lending library of libertarian & other books & maybe zines. I have all these books sitting on my shelves anyway, not doing anyone much good here. I'll lend them out for a reasonable price. Here's how i'll work it: i require a deposit of 50% of the purchase price for each book, maybe higher for new books or for persons i don't trust, with a minimum of 50¢ per book. Most of this will be refunded when i get the book back. I'll deduct from the deposit (1) my postage to send the book to you, & (2) a monthly rate of 1/10 the purchase price of the book, i.e. minimum. The monthly rate will be prorated from the date i mail to the date i receive the book back, with a one month minimum charge. Then i'll refund the difference to you or credit it to your account, at your option.

You must sign an agreement to return each book to me within 3 months of the date you receive it. If you violate this agreement, you forfeit your deposit, i'll do no more business with you, & i may do such other nasty things to you as i may choose.

At your option, you may establish an open account with me, then i'll credit your account instead of refunding small amounts, which will save me writing a lot of small checks. In exchange, i'll give you a 10% discount off of all charges. You can withdraw any or all of your credit with me at any time.

Write to me for my list of books available. (jim stumm/box 29, hiler branch/kennmore, ny 14223) If there are other books you want but don't see on the list, tell me what you want & maybe i'll get it. Also, do you have books of interest to libertarians that you no longer want? Here's a chance to clear off your shelves & get some of your money back. Send me your list of books you are willing to sell to me. Indicate price you want for each book & condition of book. Send no books until i get back to you.

Also, i have lots of back issues of libertarian magazines & newspapers i would be willing to lend out, but i haven't figured out how to go about that yet. And i would be willing to participate in some kind of exchange of current lib mags, but i haven't thot thru the specific details. If anyone would like to make a specific proposal, i would be happy to entertain it.

Helle Lan, I am living in Dallas, Texas and I have a job in semi suburbia. There is some open land in the form of vacant lots nearby. And maybe small wooded areas, but I haven't checked too carefully. Anyway I own a pickup with a covered bed (shell camper) and a trail bike. I am trying to figure a way to use my truck as living space. I foresee two major problems: (1) Vandalism or theft of bike and belongings in truck. (2) Maintaining adequate diet, high protein (milk) and vegetables on not or warm days. What I want to know is: are these problems solvable and during what seasons? m

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LIVE -- A HANDBOOK OF SURVIVAL IN NUCLEAR ATTACK, Rogers Charnel, Emergency Planning Research Center, Stanford Research Institute; Prentice-Hall 1962, provides the most useful information of any such book I have discovered. I came upon it in a library -- I don't know if it is still being sold.

This man, reproduced from it, is more realistic than the one I published in VLB because it considers probable wind conditions rather than assuming one 'typical' day. On the other hand it assumes five megaton surface bursts exclusively (as I recall) which probably underestimates danger in areas near ICBM implacements which would likely be struck with numerous high-megaton surface explosions. When estimating probability of fallout, consider high-altitude winds since they will carry most of the fall-out. In the Pacific Northwest, winds above 5000 feet have directions between 200° and 320° over 90% of the time; velocity is usually between 20 and 40mph.

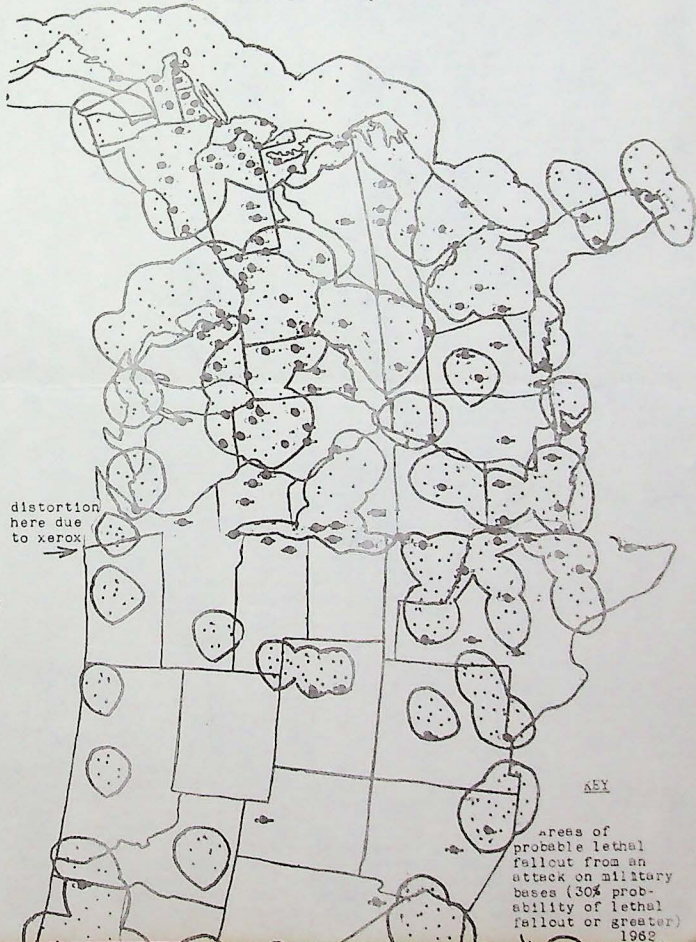
The author believed (as I recall) that, during the middle 1960's, population centers not near military targets would be attacked by bombers rather than missiles and, in event of surprise attack, bombers would arrive several hours after the missiles, so inhabitants of these areas would have warning. Optionally, such cities might be preserved as 'hostages'. With the greater number of missiles today such an assumption might not be as safe.

The handbook describes several simple shelters which can be constructed quickly. One which attenuates radiation 500 times, can be dug by one person in one hour, assuming fairly soft dirt and the availability of large strong boards (such as doors removed from houses).

I am skeptical of attempts to predict the date (even within a year) and details of a nuclear attack. But it is foolish to assume that there will not be such a war simply because there hasn't already been one. (I have never broken a bone, been arrested, been injured in an auto accident or had an appendicitis, so I can be confident (by this same line of reasoning!) that I never will.)

Two persons I know have attempted predictions. Both are highly intelligent. Both have access to classified military and political factors. One believes that an attack within the next year is more likely than not. The other puts probability of an attack during the next five years at less than 1% per year. I don't believe it is worthwhile for me to attempt to select one prediction over the other.

Facts which are indisputable: on one hand, nuclear weapons exist and can be launched on short notice; on the other hand, they are not routinely used (they haven't been since 1945). In the face of unavoidable uncertainty, the rational course, I believe, is to arrange my life so that I have high probability of surviving a nuclear attack if there is one, yet not go on the assumption that there will necessarily be an attack. Rayo



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MAPS

by Al Fry

Maps are back country peoples' "books of the land" and just as a person can have years of bumbling along without a "guide" by opening a few pertinent pages to can a traveler save a lot of time and money with a little "map forethought". I remember back packing into some surprising little lakes in my Idaho "growing up" country - local lakes I had missed until I started map collecting. I recall that some of the old topo maps showed long defunct ghost towns which helped us collect some of the now fast disappearing natural areas. I'm not crazy about topo maps but in desert country and flatland where about all that's available in many cases. Biggest setback to me is that they cost money. It's best to send to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. for a master map sheet which shows the maps to get for the areas of your state. Many blue print shops handle these topo maps and even the back packing suppliers are often now carrying them.

The best maps by far, if they cover the right area for you, are the Forest Service's National Forest maps. These are modified topo and trail maps and are free if the local ranger station has any in stock. Best idea is to write for them from the regional supervisor nearest to the forest area you want a map of. In the N.W. this would be Missoula Montana (Federal Bldg.), Denver (Fed. Center), Albuquerque (Fed. Bldg.), Ordon Utah (Fed. Bldg.), San Francisco (630 Sansone St.), Portland (319 SW Pine St.), Atlanta (1720 Peachtree Rd.), Milwaukee (630 W. Vinc. Ave.) Juneau Alaska (Fed. Bldg.). Getting these maps this way may be more bother but is better than coming up with nothing from local sources. If you are heading to Canada you can get really wonderful maps from the Canadian Map Distribution Office, Dept. of Mines and Tech. Services, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. They put out details of what is available and you stand a good chance of getting Park maps from the appropriate park director. AAA is an excellent source of less detailed maps of the Northern U.S. and much of the rest of the continents. I have a hard time getting maps below our border. If you are prospecting for something it's always very useful to stop by a local library, University Geology Dept. library, courthouse, or B.L.M. office to get the land formations and "lay of the land" info. More sophisticated and expensive maps are available for certain areas and librarians can often save you the "searching time". Looking for caverns? Look up limestone areas. Gold? All the gold producing sections of your area are already mapped out for you. Likewise with about everything else that's valuable. All it takes is a special map - a map available to any who take the time.

USING YOUR NOSE

by Al Fry

Some of the subjects brought up in V.L. may seem a bit odd but I think that in freeing oneself it is well to get a view of all sides of any questions so that choices may be made. Too often many of us never really see a true picture of what has always been right in front of us all the time. In my case it was my angular protruding virgo nose. I really never used it much when I was a kid and no one was there to tell me how. Over the years I finally learned to use and enjoy it. I use it in all my cooking now - instead of depending on clocks, gauges and such I "smell it" right. Just like the great French chefs can tell when things are right or done I now periodically take a whiff of what I'm cooking to tell if it is done or not. A waffle or bread for instance will retain a faint raw doughy odor until done. Similarly vegetables, greens, weeds or whatever you cook you can smell through a par boil or well cooked stage - as you prefer. As your acuity increases you can begin to tell when things are seasoned to your liking also. To be good to yourself it is good to add the smells to your life that you enjoy. This really does make life a little more pleasant. I have always loved wild smells and frequently find myself grabbing some handful of good ol' West sage brush to later use as natural incense or spread around my van just for the aroma it brings. Many of the old healers used flowers and such in healing scents and I'm sure we all could crave the particular aroma we needed if we just relaxed and "let it come".

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Bamane give off distinctive odors that tend to mirror their health and condition. A good many doctors can detect a person with a certain disorder by the patient's odor. I have learned to do this to a certain extent and find that I automatically put up guards when I find someone I'm being intimate with has a something in wrong odor - learning a "clap" odor for instance once cost me a case of 'clap'. Healthy body odors however are usually delightful if of the opposite sex. I have never recovered from a girl I once knew in school. She made chills go up my spine just being around her and her vital natural "turn on" aroma. The reverse is often true however and I have on several occasions found a perfectly "wonderful" girl in every respect except that her natural body odor was out of harmony in some way and I just got turned off over a period of time. Goodness knows how many close relationships are ruined by the eventual consequences of this problem. It just seems to be something most persons ignore or try to. Suppose it can be done with a constant daily round of showering and such but it's a hard thing to fight - living together is hard enough as it is.

As you use your nose more you will be able to pick the fruit and vegetables that are ripe and best. You will smell the flower stem end of a cucumber to see if it is a healthy luscious fruit or smell a watermelon to see if it is ripe. Of course if you are hooked on drawing a lot of cigarette smoke down your nose and lungs forget it - even your natural body aroma will be tainted with the tobacco smell. In any event if you enjoy natural living here's hoping you will enjoy your nose as much as I do mine.

thinking about getting a camper? al fry warns that purist conservation orgs. and other gov lovers are trying to close off public lands to keep mv's out. on the other side there are rec. vehicle orgs. and makers trying to keep them open. no telling who will finally manage to club whom and how hard, but it might be wise not to put a lot of money or time into a mv just in case. (any 'closure' would be pretty difficult to enforce i think but still this is something to take into consideration.) lan

to jim stumm about your lendin' library. ordinarily i don't pick at something in the same issue in which it's proposed but since i'm a business proposition maybe you want criticism as fast as you can get it. 1) if you want as much as 50% of the purchase price as deposit, wouldn't it be simpler to go all the way and require 100% of the price you would be willing to sell it at as deposit? then you don't have to bother with agreements or doing nasty things to people. if somebody doesn't return the book, it means they bought it and you keep the deposit. 2) your rates are no good for me and many other backwoodsites. it might take me two or three months to get the book (i don't get mail very often and the p.o.'s slow, especially with books), a month to get around to reading it (maybe i'm busy with something else when it comes), and a month or two to send it back. figure 5 months average. at 10¢ a month that's 50¢, so instead of renting it from you i'll hold off and try to buy it used or read it at a library, etc. if some people get mail much faster than i do, but these are mostly people who can get to libraries any too so they don't need to borrow by mail. i can see charging 10¢ a month for a 'best seller' which every body wants to read right now and nobody will want in a couple of years but i doubt that many of the books you would be dealing would be like that. now about 10¢ for the first month and 5¢ for each additional, plus any damage? lan



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DEAR LAM:
YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 2 JUST MATERIALIZED ON MY DESK...WHO KNOWS HOW IT ARRIVED. BEEN TRAVELIN' A LOT MYSELF SO COUDD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF AN OLD SUITCASE. ANYWAY, I'M HERE IN THE DELTA COUNTRY LIVING ON MY OLD COAST GUARD CUTTER. IT'S A REAL GAS ALTHO RUTHY DOESN'T DIG IT LIKE I DO. HAVE IT UP FOR SALE SO PROLLY WILL BE TRAVELIN ON IN ONE OF MY TRAILERS SOON. HOWEVER, IF IN THE MEANTIME YOU ARE ANYWHERE AROUND BETHEL ISLAND, WE'RE AT PRINCE HARBOR ABOUT 1 MILE WEST. BETHEL ISLE IS ABOUT 28 MILBS WEST OF STOCKTON OR 45 MILES OUT OF BERKELEY. IT'S A SMALL COMMUNITY ON DUTCH SLOUGH, AN ARM OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, SWIMMING AND FISHING ARE GREAT HERE AND THERE'S LOTS OF FREE FOOD ALL AROUND. PLENTY OF FRUIT TREES THAT YOU COULD VOLUNTEER TO GROW ALONG WITH REGULAR CROPS THAT AREN'T MISSED BY THE FARMERS. A VONULAN COULD LIVE OFF THE DELTA WITH EASE ALL YEAR ROUND...ESPECIALLY IF HE HAD A SMALL BOAT OR HOUSEBOAT. JUST FORFUN, I BUILT ONE OUT OF AN ABANDONED SET OF PONTOONS AND A 37.5' TRAILER. IT'S HIDEOUS TO LOOK AT BUT LIVABLE AND IT FLOATS UP AND DOWN WITH THE TIDE.

OK, PRINT ANY AND ALL THAT I SEND YOU ALONG WITH MY LOCATION, IM ON PROBATION FOR GROWING A LITTLE POT SO THEY KNOW WHERE I AM ALL THE TIME. I MOVE A LOT SO I'M STILL A HARD TARGET TO HIT NONETHELESS.

IF YOU'RE LIVING AROUND PARADISE, PERHAPS WE CAN GET TOGETHER THERE OR HERE OR SOME MIDWAY POINT. WOULD LIKE TO RAP WITH YOU IN PERSON ON MANY SUBJECTS. THE TIME FOR VONULIFE IS DRAWING NIGH WITH GREAT RAPIDITY...THUS WE COULD EXCHANGE INTERESTING DATA.

GLAD YOU GOT HOW TO LIVE...THIS BOOK WAS SUPPRESSED BY THE PUBLISHER AND I'M NOW TRYING TO PEDDLE IT MYSELF. WROTE ANOTHER BOOK THAT IS PURE VONULIFE, THE ROBIN HOOD HANDBOOK...OR HOW TO LIVE LIKE A 20TH CENTURY FOX. IT WILL BE OUT IN OCT. IF THINGS HOLD TO GETHR THAT LONG, I'LL SEND YOU A COPY.

VONULIFE 73 IS GREAT!! NOW HAVE MYOPIA BUT IT WAS WORTH IT, MUCHOF GREAT VALUE THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYWHERE ELSE. PAULDOERR IS AN XODD BUDDY. ALSO INTO BOATS

IF YOU WRITE TO NOEL YOUNG, CAPRA PRESS, 631 STATE ST, SANTA BARBARA AND TELL HIM I SENT YOU, HE MIGHT HAVE A COPY OF SMALL BOOKS STORES LISTINGS. A GAL NAMED MISSIE MAYTAG GAVE ME A COPY AND SHE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH NOEL. ANOTHER SOURCE WOULD BE JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH OF MEN. HE'S AN OLD BUDDY SO MEMORION WILD BO YOU MIGHT TRY WEC DIRECT. DONT KNOW ANYONE THERE BUT THEIR RE ACCOMMODATING.

I WONDERED ABOUT THE WHITE SPACE TOO. WANTED THEM TO FILL IT WITH DATA BUT THEY WERE IN TOO MUCH HURRY. PROLLY GET THIS BOOK BACK AND DO IT MYSELF WITH ANOTHER PUBLISHER. FIRST TIME FARMERS BUILT BY SRAIGHT ARROW HAS GONE INTO 3 OR 4 PRINTINGS SO SHOULD MAKE ENOUGH BREAD FROM THAT TO KEEP MY GOING. DO YOU HAVE A COPY? IF NOT, I'LL SEND A NEW PAPERBACK. Bill saying

July 1, 1973

MINERVA REEFS NEW COUNTRY PROJECT

Project-Minerva is still underway. However, the occupation of the Minerva Reefs has failed. The King of Tonga has rejected all negotiations for settlement of the Reefs of Minerva. To further strengthen his position, he has entered into a Mutual Arms and Protection Agreement with the Far East. Under International Law, the Libertarian Concept of Law, and the Natural Laws of the World, the Republic of Minerva (on the Reefs) was a nation in fact for a period of five days. This period of time occurred in January of 1972, when the original claimants were on the reefs. This claim failed for want of occupation.

We have a 230 page research package available to any person desiring copies of the historical documents connected with the first valid attempt to set up a new government/nation under the Libertarian concept. It comes complete with the Leader's letters and all other important documents, including the King of Tonga's answer to negotiations for the settlement of the Reefs of Minerva.

It has been rumored that a few individuals have set up a government in exile. These individuals have no valid reason for doing so. To set up a government in exile you must have been forced to leave a country. The Reefs of Minerva were abandoned in January 1972. The settlement of the reefs is now impossible without the co-operation of the King of Tonga and his people which number 1,000,000 strong.

COCOS ISLAND

The negotiations for this island are satisfactory. We wish to clear up a rumor which was planted by a person who is in direct opposition to the success of any new country project. A is a published report that the island was being used as an international drug center. A is a respected news reporter who planted news articles in Costa Rica. The gentleman who sent A is A the news article works for the U.S. Government. Until recently Cocos Island has been used as a military field exercise training area by the Republic of Costa Rica's Ministry. This is a documented fact, not A is A's published article that the island is being used as a pot plantation. We know, we were there.

A NEW COUNTRY PROJECT

Satisfactory negotiations have been accomplished and funds have been paid. It is expected that it will take approximately two years to assure that this new country will have the support and protection that will be necessary for it to survive its initial internal adjustments and external pressures from governments which are opposed to individual rights. We are going forth very carefully at this time to insure that this nation will not be destroyed by individual greed, egos or power grabs. The following things are taking place:

1. We are working with the heads of five small nations to insure recognition and mutual protection in the area.
2. Very quiet publicity and information on this project are going out across the World.
3. Support is being sought from Individualistic Businessmen, Professional Men and Women.
4. Individualists are being screened, as to their intentions, for potential elected leadership positions and dual citizenship in this new country, when it is opened up.

When the above things are accomplished, this new nation will be announced to the World. Many rumors will fly about, many already have; however, we wish to point out that you will be informed of the facts as they become fact, not fancy. We are not in this project to make a profit. We are in this project to do our small part to insure its success. If this new nation survives, it will stand as an example of true freedom for individuals. Perhaps there is a better way of government than some of the other systems across the World. July 17th, Dr. Taylor will be guest on a Radio Talk Show, Radio London CJBK-129. Special Announcements will be made concerning this new country. Dr. Taylor will be a guest of Frank Ogden (planned The Survival Institute, etc)....

Now, we're doing a book on low-cost housing and I'm gathering the information, photos, etc. and doing the rough draft... and we'd like more material if we can get it. First of all, we don't want to interfere with anyone's privacy and we don't want to reveal locations - especially when someone wants it that way! With that in mind, could we possibly get photos of the shunvup house and any other creepies that are made from easily obtainable materials? Cassander Wester, Assoc. Editor, The Mother Earth News, P.O. Box 38, Madison, Ohio 44057. (this letter was July 24. didn't say when closing date is.)

We are now gathering material for "Shelter", our first book since "Domebook II". "Shelter" will be a book on barns, treehouses, domes, houseboats, sculpted dwellings, simple 2 x 4 framing techniques, nomad tents, American Indian wooden structures, thatched Irish farm buildings, new ferro-cement techniques. Pickup truck contractors, house-wreckers, travelling carpenters. Making your own building materials: thatch, adobe, shaked, wattle & daub, others?.... Contributors will be paid \$50 per page (of finished book) or portion thereof for text or photos. If you have something to contribute please send us a card and we'll contact you with details. Shelter Publications, P.O. Box 279, Salinas, CA 94924. (also didn't say when closing date is.)

Hello Rayo,

I've got a panel-type van with all the gear. My bag, for the next couple of years, is to travel around the country, visiting various

libertarian establishments and outposts to see how they're coming along, what they're doing, and how they're doing it, before the big depression hits. After that, I plan to climb into them thar hills and embark on a nature-lover life style.

My interests are education -- specifically with an eye on opening a libertarian school, teaching kids how to live a life of liberty, mutual respect, love, and sound economics. Believe it or not, one of my side-hobbies is Astrology. Not the kind that "predicts the future" (we've got free will), but the kind that describes personality and character types according to the part of the year your born in.

I'd like to meet and, if possible, travel with, a chick who has similar interests. A chick who is rational enough to be self-sufficient, to have foresight and insight about her own life, and who is sensitive enough to be loving, kind, and plain old human. Taurus seems to fill the bill, but I'd be delighted to share my life-style with a nice Scorpio, a Cancer, or a sweet Pisces. I'm a pisces myself. Some of my other interests are psychology, philosophy, writing, and camping. If you're a libertarian chick reading this, I'd like having you get in touch with me before I take off. You have nothing to lose; a lot to gain in a very rewarding relationship. I'm a very interesting guy with a lot more to see than meets the eye in this letter. Write soon.

STUART L. CARTER
 6035 LYNBAR ST
 WILSON, TEX. 77075

I couldn't print the rest of dr. trembley's letter because it was on the back of the sheet. but I'll mention that he is organising a tour of costa rica especially for people interested in settling there. 8-12 days, about \$500 which includes most everything. if interested write s. 1418 w. tenth, topeka, kan. 66606.

THE MU POLITICS

by kerry and cara thornley

(This is the opening chapter to a forthcoming book called I TAO: A Manual for Yin Revolution.) (somebody wrote "LC 3 - Apr 13 65" on this - it's been in vomlink's file since before my time. anybody know where to get the whole book?)

THE DICTATES OF POWER.

Man do not hold power -- power hold man. The central reality of political life is that no one can occupy a position of considerable power for long without having to fight. The nature of that fight is determined by the nature of whatever challenges to power are about. Respond to any of them incorrectly and you are Out. That's the game and those who play know it. The prime requisite for political leadership is ruthlessness. A leader who is not ruthless cannot get, much less keep, political power. The second requirement is guile. (Especially in a democracy is the best liar-actor likely to end up in the highest position, so that what democratic leaders lack in ruthlessness, they make up in guile.) Beyond these traits, all that is needed is the delusion that external power is somehow of value.

Chung-tse was fishing from a bridge on the P'u River when two high officials of the Ch'u State came to see him, saying: "The Prince of Ch'u wishes to appoint you Minister of State." Chung-tse continued fishing and did not turn his head. "It is said," he told them, "that at the Royal Palace there is a sacred tortoise that died when it was three-thousand years old. The Prince of Ch'u keeps it enclosed in a chest in his ancestral temple. Now would this tortoise prefer to be dead, and thereby an object of veneration? Or would it rather be alive, wiggling its tail in the mud?" "Why," answered one of the officials, "it would rather be alive!" "THEN BECOME!" shouted Chung-tse. "I also prefer to wiggle my tail in the mud." (Chuang)

THE DYNAMICS OF BETRAYAL.

Differences in temperament, and not in quality, separate those who favor political revolution from the advocates of political reform. Revolution is for those who prefer to be sold out quickly, so as to get it over with. Reform is for those brothers who favor a gradual, painless form of betrayal. Revolution depends on overt violence. Reform depends on implicit violence -- the readiness to imprison at police gunpoint those who do not go along by working and paying taxes, by submitting to censorship and fighting, by obeying any number of insane, obsolete, petty, or harmful prohibitions and prescriptions.

He who wants to take over the country and remake it under his own reforming plans will fail. "Mankind" is an abstract concept that cannot be remade after one's own ideas. Under any system of reform, a ruler must make use of different, real-life people -- some as they seem and some not, some who will assist and others who will resist, some strong and some brittle and unsafe to rely on. That is why the Sage never tries to take over things and reform men. (Lao)

For the political state is nothing more than a social weapon for inflicting violence and compelling obedience by means of threats of violence and compelling obedience by means of threats of violence in a manner that is traditionally acceptable to the great unthinking majority of men. Struggle for control of this weapon is what the world calls political action -- be it revolutionary or reformatory, conservative or reactionary. And victory in this struggle results in nothing more than control of the weapon. Since weapons are tools of destruction only, there is very little the winners of political struggles can do that is creative.

When the government is sluggish and stagnant, the people go about their business and are content; when the government is active and efficient, the people become irritated and angry. (Lao)

So all political revolutions and reformations are sooner or later seen to betray whatever was creative in their original programs. This has less to do with the nature of men than it has to do with the Dictates of Power.

THE IMPRACTICALITY OF POLITICS.

Politics is generally thought to be the business of practical men, but if human happiness is desirable and widespread suffering is not, then politics is both historically and logically impractical. For while the political state/weapon produces constant propaganda and schooling on behalf of its own necessity, it does not protect so many lives in the restraint of accused murderers as it destroys in the process of warfare. It does not protect so many citizens from bodily harm through police action as it injures by such means; nor does it prevent the theft of so much wealth as it confiscates through taxation.

Evil is stimulated when the righteous ideas of superior men are codified into laws, which, when disregarded, are enforced by punishment.

When the state/weapon is used to directly or indirectly procure men of genius and talent to assist in projects the powerful consider essential to the good of all, it only succeeds eventually in convincing younger brilliant men to hide their gifts -- to become plumbers instead of nuclear physicists.

High trees invite their own cutting down and sweet fruit invites its own picking. All men proclaim the value of usefulness, but how many perceive the advantage of becoming useless? (Chuang)

Not only is the power of a few men even more predicated upon the dubious assumption that a few minds can more intelligently govern the actions of millions of individuals than can millions of minds, but it is also predicated upon groundless belief that noncoercive individuals will permit their respective rulers to know what is going on "in the ranks." Yet as Horace Walpole has observed (in issue #9 of I Macarinas): "The State is a device for clubbing people. The Legislature makes up the game-rules, declaring who is clubbable and who isn't. The Judiciary decides, in individual cases, whether a person, under the rules of the game, should be clubbed or not. The police are in charge of internal clubbing, the army of external clubbing. The tax bureau is devoted to clubbing everybody into paying the cost of all this clubbing. Nobody ever tells the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to such a clubbing machine. Everybody, to some degree, tells the State what they think it wants to hear." Those who don't are clubbed. So the state/weapon becomes like the brain of a pre-historic monster (to be continued) in relation to the bulk and energy it commands....

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* note. if there is a red dot following your name on the address label your subscription expires with this issue (so far as i know). to get more send \$1 for the next two issues of vonulink. (if you think you've already paid for more, write. some mail has strayed. see below.) *

troubles and changes

about the middle of september i sent off the copy for vonulink #14 to a friendly printer (who has done work for me before) for printing and mailing, so far no sign of it and no word. check not cashed so maybe the p.o. lost it. (i'm checking.) maybe vonulink #14 will arrive some day, maybe not. i'm sending this issue to a different printer and maybe it will have better luck.

that's not the only trouble there's been with mail. a batch which arrived during last June got lost on its way to me. orders for vonulife had already been filled and money taken out. but there may have been orders for vonulink i didn't get. i think that batch of mail will probably show up sooner or later. but in the mean time, i extended all subscriptions which expired with #12 (last may) through this issue, if you sent \$4 last June and are getting a renewal notice now, let me know.

even when the mail doesn't get lost i've been pretty slow getting vonulink out, because of delays getting the mail and getting copy to printers, etc. maybe because of this not too much has been sent in for publication. so from now on i'm not going to try to put out an issue every two months but instead wait until there is enough for a good sized issue, therefore i'm cutting renewal price for vonulink to \$1 for two issues. (if you've already paid a long way ahead and want a refund let me know.) strangely, a non-vonuan could probably do a better job of putting out vonulink than a vonuan - this vonuan anyway. about the vonulife handbook, i haven't been able to get 1973 vonulife into many book stores and sise stands. the only two that i know of are whole earth truck store, 559 santa cruz, menlo park, ca 94023 and whole earth learning community, 817 e. johnson st., madison, wis. 53703. no distributors have gotten interested. someone says it's because it's black and white and has small print but i've seen other things sold which are black and white and have small print. the trouble maybe is that most people who control sise stands have political views of one kind or another and won't touch anything they don't agree with unless it's already well known and sells exceptionally well. even outfits that supposedly sell books on survival, ecology, anarchy, etc. don't want it. i think maybe because they got political lines and only want things which go along with their politics. i think there is a need for more book stores and mail order book services, like whole earth truck store, that will sell anything and everything that has a lot of information for the price, regardless of its politics or lack of politics. fortunately mail order sales have been good, and most of the information in vonulife '73 won't get out of date soon so i can keep selling them for a long time. harding (fur, fish and game) is still selling books e published in 1920 (and, from the looks, printed then).

but mail order sales haven't made enough money yet to pay for another big issue. also i haven't received many articles yet. so there probably won't be another handbook issue until '75. to people who've paid \$1 in advance i'll probably send back issues of vonulink totalling 50,000 words. i'll make good on all subscriptions one way or another. some good news, mail orders for vonulife '73 and back issue sets have been filled promptly. thanks to some good people who pick up the mail and mail out vonulife when i'm not around (which is most of the time). enough crying out loud.

whole earth epilog, box 428, sausalito, ca 94965 says they are going to put out an updated version of the last whole earth catalog. some of the same people are doing it. they are looking for revisions and new listings. southern publishing, p.o. box 20, holly hill, florida 32017 will list your club (or 1) free in their directory. 12 words plus name and address. independent arbitrage international, exeter, n.h. is developing alternate money, called constants, whose value is based on a number of commodities. they issue notes, mint silver globes (one ounce for \$7) and have checking accounts in which the balance is kept in constants but checks can be written in dollars or constants. the constant is supposed to be inflation proof because when prices of commodities go up the dollar value of the constant goes up right along. iai's been operating now for several years. has branches in luxembourg (17 avenue de roosevelt) and london (16 jacob's well mens, george street). national council of america is now c/o elaine bergstrom, 2964 e. delaware, milwaukee, wi 53207.

there is a new chinook context directory of portland out. 480 pages for \$3.21 by mail. #312 s.e. stark, portland, or 97215. new schools exchange is now at p.o. box 820, st. paris, ohio, 43072. they publish a big newsletter twice a month for \$10 a year.

SMALL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADS

(up to 100 words a year are free to subscribers)

You might be interested in listing FREATHOUGHT DIRECTORY as a freebie available from Denver Freethinkers Society, P.O. Box 1621, Englewood, CO 80110

LIVE LONGER, LIVE FREER. Read about life extension, self-liberation, and futurology in LIBERTARIAN CONNECTION, the unique open forum. Sample 50¢. Dawn Enterprises, Box 90913, Dept. V, Los Angeles, CA 90009. Bulk powdered vitamins available from Dawn Enterprises: vitamin C, \$9.50/kg., vitamin E, \$34.50/kg., niacin, \$11.95/kg. Send stamped envelope for complete list. All prices postpaid in continental U.S.

We are establishing a laboratory to conduct experiments related to "whole systems". At present we are trying to get plugged in to any information outlets already set up to disseminate or receive information of this nature. shelterlab.one, 824 west 19th street, chicago, ill 60608, CA57136 CX65739

Will appreciate contact with folks living in the Big Bend - Davis Mts. area of southwest Texas. P.M. Plimmer, P.O. Box 701, Alpine, Tx 79830.

PACSCRIPT has stopped publication indefinitely. Primary reason for stopping is that my ideas on outside communication have undergone a major change during the last few months and PS does not fit in with new plans. Also, altho PS met with a fairly good response, the individuals responding were mostly people already contributing to VL or LC, so PS did not seem to be fulfilling even its original purpose. I have no interest in providing competition for VL and LC.

Starting in January we will be launching a new organization to be known as "Live Free Inc". The L.F.I. will not only take up many of the sports programs but will take up many new tasks. To start we are selling "Live Free" patches at \$1.50 each. "The National Outdoor Living Directory" at \$2.00 each, conducting free survival training, helping folks set up land funds, and launching out tape programs. The main direction is towards individual problem solving and liberation through group activities. Anyone interested in knowing more about L.F.I. can write to the Sports Club address or to James C. Jones, 11123 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60628.

Buy ten full ounce silver Globes at \$7 per ounce and receive options to purchase 100 Globes for 12 months after date of purchase. Buy 100 globes and receive options to purchase 1000 globes for 30 months after date of purchase. Arbitrage International Inc. Exeter, New Hampshire 03833.

Secret mail receiving/forwarding. Absolute privacy guaranteed. Use any name. Other services available; specify your needs. Memon rated. Details from: MYOB SERVICES, P.O. Box 658, Paradise, CA 95969.

BRING BACK PAGANISM! The Church of All Worlds is a neo-pagan religion dedicated to the celebration of life, the maximum actualization of human potential, and the realization of ultimate individual freedom and personal responsibility in harmonious eco-psychic relationship with the total biosphere of Holy Earth. We have a growing number of Kests across the continent. One may be near you. Our magazine, GREEN EGG, is published 8 times a year, 46-50 pages. Sample, 75¢. Thou Art God! CAW, Box 2933, St. Louis, MO 63130.

Vonulife - This letter is the deliberate effort to contact others who value love, life, freedom and truth above all else. I am a woman-mother who is seeking primarily a place for my children to grow positively and freely.

I am here in Salt Lake trying to get financial backing for a truck and trailer so that we may leave to join others with whom we share similar interests, dreams, ways, etc. I have attempted a break without vehicle, etc., and I find it just too frustrating and energy consuming - especially trying to keep it together for myself and two children aged 10 and 2 - good food, decent shelter, other children to relate to - with my own peace.

However it is my way to provide for myself and my children truck and life - more than that I cannot say. It is important for me to meet others who I can honestly relate to. I'm sure that it would be a better way if we could get together. Please, if you can turn us on to others or places where we could meet, we'll take it from there. I don't believe in any organized "schools" as such. So as that's just someone imposing his ways on someone else, or deciding what is important or unimportant for the individual instead of giving him the right and opportunity to decide for himself. When we get the trailer-truck together we'll be heading for Northern Calif. Any info on places where we could park and communicate with others will be appreciated. Peace, Love, Freedom, Truth. Camille, c/o 1708 Bryan Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah 84108.

Dear Folks, After a harrowing period in the city I am back in the woods. Almost got my "house" finished (if it works I'll write about it), fall garden planted. Need to get firewood and food put up before the wet season comes.... This is beautiful country. Gordon, Arkansas

Dear Vonu Life, I just finished building a camper on the back of a 49 Dodge pickup. It's insulated and i'm going to put a wood stove in. I'm hoping I can make it through the winter in it but I have to find a place to park. In the woods somewhere on some deserted road where no one will bother me. Or on some one's land who wouldn't mind. The thing is it has to be close enough to someplace where I can walk to get supplies - 5-10 miles - since my truck probably won't start in the cold and I'll be snowed in anyway. Michael, Wis.

If you know someone in a state in the south you may be able to get a license, registration and plates for your vehicle. Cost is minimal, no inspection, can usually be done by mail. Send letter explaining you are moving into state and want to transfer your current lic. reg. and plates to Tenn. Put letter in envelope and mail to friend. Friend calls letter to motor vehicle in state involved to secure proper posters and mails forms to you. I suggest Tenn. and S. Car. These were okay last I knew. I have a Pica Smith Corona office typewriter with a typing stand which I would like to sell for \$25. It is in good condition. I would be able to take it with me when I go west this fall and spring, if you know anyone who needs one. I will be going to New Mex./Ariz. by way of Tenn. then following routes 40, 20, 20 plus 10. I am usually near my Lebanon address. Peter Bickford, RD #3, Lebanon, NJ 08833

I've just gotten into Vonulife, and I see a few things that I can help clarify. So here goes: I see mention from time to time of a language (artificial). Yes, Esperanto is phonetic. And in Vonulife 2 page 5 you say, "For a language, make a list of a thousand words". But you are just talking about doing Esperanto over again. It uses a large number of prefixes and suffixes that turn a small number of simple roots into a large vocabulary. It is entirely regular. Really simple. I ought to know. Although I may be a bit rusty now, I once could write and read it as well as I can English. I do not think any of the other artificial languages can hold a candle to Esperanto. So forget the others. Use Esperanto. If you need any more information, I'll be glad to tell you where to get it. Only one declaration. The final letter tells you what part of speech a word is. Word structure tell other things too - sing, or plural; gender; active or passive; etc.

About those one tenth watt walkie talkies: The FCC limits them to 5-foot antennas. More antenna would let you talk farther. But that would be illegal. But the FCC says nothing about a ground connection. So try grounding one of them. That can increase the range. I am K. Also K

In talking about a den, I can see that you are steadily approaching the dens that the pictos used to use in northern England. Some of the reasons of them can be seen in England today. So why not start where the pictos were? Dig a circular hole in the ground. I think it must have been about waist deep. Then with earth (soil if you can get it) build the walls. The idea is to make a beehive type structure - an arch. When it is finished, get grass to grow on it. Thus it will look like a low hill. In building the walls you should use miniature piling - small sticks calculated not to rot. This should help to make it strong enough that a person can walk over it without caving it in. The tradition was that the pictos "disappeared into the ground". In reality they did. They simply slipped into their houses. Of course, you must arrange ventilation (concealed). And you must contrive a door. You can do it with native materials. Then arrange a bunch of brush on the door. It would be taken for a natural brush pile. Pursuers could never catch the pictos. They slipped into their houses, and the pursuers walked over the "hill" without knowing it was a home. Reinforcement would do no harm, and probably was used.

About the intrusion sensor (Vonulink 10 page 8): Don't put the sensors around the perimeter. ~~FORGOTTEN~~ This way they would record sounds not only beyond the perimeter, but also inside the perimeter. Put them midway between center and perimeter. This way it takes a smaller circle of them. I am assuming they are not directional.

If any of this is published, please withhold my name. Or use my initials.

Peace,

Dear Lan,
re the questions concerning "meaning" in social "security" numbers, I believe the first set of digits indicates state or other geographic-political entity in which you obtained said SS card-- picked that up from secretary at a short run employer who said, upon seeing my number, "Oh, I didn't know you were from[xxxx]." Thus if you don't know the code you might at least check with someone from the state in which you desire to locate your first "honest" job in your history. HP During the current fuel crunch many seem to be discussing pretty expensive fuel tank conversions to increase fuel capacity. While Al Fry and others have pointed out the savings to be had through big volume purchases, this is not the motivation among the currently interested. One acquaintance intended blowing \$200 on big capacity for converted bus. It would seem that if you want to be a "retreatist" (in Rayo's sense) you might do much better with fuel caches (a la Manson) than huge tanks which cut into mileage and are subject to looting (whether official or casual). The main point here is that one would do well to invest in things other than gas dependent hardware. Again, if you're playing the retreatist gambit you presumably have one or more retreats (whatever became of "squatspots"?) and several routes and means for getting to it [them]. Hence a string of caches seems reasonable. All this ignores the prospect of travel permits, proscriptions, etc..

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INFO ON EUROPEAN TRAVEL, VALID AS OF '71: LEAST-HASSLE WAY OF CROSSING BORDERS IS APPARENTLY WALKING OVER ESTABLISHED HIKING TRAILS, BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHICH DON'T HAVE GOVERNMENTS THAT INSIST ON GUARDING EVERY INCH OF FRONTIER. NEXT BEST IS TRAIN. ~~XXXX~~ MICHIGANING ACROSS FRONTIERS, OR EVEN RIGHT UP TO THEM, CAUSES PROBLEMS. (Before getting into STRASBOURG FROM GERMANY, I HAD MY KNAPBACK INVENTORIED, ~~XXXX~~ AND WAS ASKED SEVERAL TIMES WHETHER I WAS BURE I HADN'T BEEN IN TURKEY.) Once you're inside a Western European country or Yugoslavia, it's assumed you entered properly. One French bank accepted as my "PERMANENT" ADDRESS THE LOCAL YOUTH HOSTEL, PROBABLY WOULD WORK FOR OTHER FOREIGNERS, BUT NOT FOR NATIVES.

10: Getting voter registration is absurdly easy in LA and San Francisco. There are deputy registrars with tables set up on the sidewalk, who get bounties for those voters they sign up. You get a copy of the document saying you've registered to vote; another copy goes into the bureaucratic machinery and confirmation is mailed to the residential address you've given. If that piece of paper bounces (can't be forwarded) you still have voter's registration which can be used for identification (tho not for voting.)// LIBRARY CARDS USUALLY CALL FOR NOTHING MORE TO ESTABLISH CURRENT ADDRESS THAN A RENT RECEIPT, A LETTER MAILED AND RECEIVED AT THAT ADDRESS, OR SOMETHING SIMILAR. OR IT MIGHT BE BORTHWHILE TO PAY THE FEE AND CHARGED CARDHOLDERS WHO DON'T LIVE OR WORK IN THAT CITY-- BELIEVE IT'S SIX DUCKS IN LA. Dan

Dear Vonu's -

Thumbing thru some old copies of Mother Earth News, and came across your 'trip - our out'.

Wondered if we indivisibles would get it together ever - at least enough for a NECESSARY LETTER. (That's enough.)

Being a far more permanent than a like, both dexter, and wishing to become independently nomadic (no car, truck, bus, or other gas guzzler) - my latest endeavor is to get a head, plenty, burro & make a cart (a wheel) for him/her to pull me & my junk around in (also call the dog/body - can walk). Biggest problem is I have no idea how much weight (cart + all) a good healthy donkey can pull? I don't want to make the cart until I get the critter as I might have to settle for a mule - second choice, and they are usually not only bigger, but they are stronger, and could make the cart larger.

Another hassle is the lack of correspondence from the Canadian tent companies - I ask (in a letter) for a price quote on a 8'x10' x 2' x 2' wall tent, and get one for a 9'x12' - and then they ask if that will be satisfactory? - bullshit. Duty from the states on a tent is 2 1/2% - forget it.

This is for my winter tent, as my summer one - thru Sinson-Sears catalogue, incidentally - is nylon (7'x7' x 10' x 5' 6") also is a bit smaller for winter living, tho it has been a most excellent spring and summer tent. It weighs 7 lbs with poles, and is very waterproof, but the condensation problem would be a drag in winter.

It only costs \$40.00 for, and that's a good price for a tent here, also has full mosquito netting & 3-way zippers & tri-anthracene rear windows with mosquito netting that zips shut from the inside. Unfortunately, it got sandy orange walls & floor (no choice of colors) & blue red and - get this - orange/white/green/blue striped ends - looks like a bleeding circus. - It almost glows in the dark. In spite of it's atrociously high visibility it is a good serviceable tent. But the leaves are turning yellow, and fall starts early here. The rain has been upping, and is on the way again over the mountains again, I see.

I plan to heat my winter tent with a home made stove, which I made out of a 5 gallon square can (details on request) and don't plan to be cold nor uncomfortable, either.

Well, that's enough jawing, for now, and would really like to get your newsletter if you are still doing it, and some rap from anyone who's into winter tent living, and also some one who knows any info about donkeys/burros -?

Dear Vonu-ers: Happy Trails

Got your '73 issue and read it with some pleasure and some sadness. As you see, I am living in Canada, but came up here from Calif in '70 (after the attack on Texas) and tho I can recall the paranoia living there brings out in a person, had kind of forgotten how bad it all was until I read your zine.

I guess you would probably say that I'm a casualist, Vonu-er, and that's true, except that here in Canada, at least in this area, the cop hassle is not so ever present. Right now, (Dec. 16th - and raining) I'm living on Crown land, and quite a lot of local people know it, but don't expect any hassle, as I've been here, in my summer tent then, since June 9th and spent the whole summer here, and am now and have been, for about 2 1/2 months, in my 8'x10' x 2' x 6'3" unshaded white canvas wall tent with top 8'x2' of a 55 gallon drum, stuck in the sand on the open end (with doorway cut in front)

I stole pipe going thru spruce forest - for my
stove. (Stole found it on beach.) I'm on the
shores of Koolenay Lake, and can see a long
way both up and down the lake, and the hills
covered with snow across the lake, and plan to
finish out the winter and go on the road in
Spring.

Am going to buy a burro, and if that goes
OK - as a pack animal, then another for riding
in spring. But am having no helluva time find-
ing out much about them as a pack animal -
and the things I will need to take for it, up to
the way of tools, and food supplement, etc. Also
would like to rip with some one (thru Vonnah?)
about them, some one who already has had some
experience with them. Any ideas? - names?

For one to Vonnah into the bush here is
probably not too easily done, due to having to
keep a heated place in winter, but it's not all
that hard, since a small collapsible sheet iron
stove can be bought and taken back in the
bush, and by heating only at evening, or night
in spring, summer and fall, keep a place dry
and during winter, with dry wood, keep a fire
going all the time during the day. The main
problem here is that the bush (forest) is closed
to everyone, not just campers, but even logging
companies, during high fire hazard times, which
may run as long as a month. I myself
had to use a 5 gal can stove since no open
fires were allowed anywhere, so that would
present a problem during summer here, the
one could take a chance and cook at night
but using a tiny sheet iron stove, as an open
flame is dangerous when every thing is tinder
dry. A tent, I think, is even a better idea than
hunks of plastic, but I've had some bad luck
with plastic and don't much like the stuff to
live under either. It's non-breathable and no
good when it's cold out & warm in, as it does
as does waterproof nylon for the same
reason. I can put my summer tent (7'x10'x6')
up in 20 minutes and be moved in, and it weighs
with pegs & poles - 11 lbs. - and has full magnet
netting - 3 way zipper and netting over a brian
window in back that zips from inside. you
can live in the arctic - about as far North
as you can get, in a tent, but that takes
knowing how and building a snow wall around
it and a bit higher, then an extra canvas tarp
over that about a foot above the tent roof
with metal spreader ring for pipe thru it.
Then snow blades pressed firmly down on top
of that piece of canvas to hold it down, all
the way around. you do need to dress properly
and have warm sleeping bags, to be that dry,
but people do it today, and have done so for
many years. When thinking of shelter thru the
cold, both in housing and clothing, it is wise to
recall that it's the dead air spaces, between you
and the outside, in addition to the proper moisture
ventilation, that makes the difference between
warmth and death. If you get clump from
preparation you are going to lose the insulating
quality of that air you have on, fur, down,
wool, or whatever. A small tent or cabin
- and by small, I mean 8'x10' for two people -
is big enough, if you don't have too much junk -
and smaller is OK, if you both can live in it -
This works on wood framing, which is followed
by canvas, then splitting. In the far North
on the tundra willow branches & driftwood, as
well as certain mosses will burn, but gathering
it is extremely time consuming, and only a tiny
sheet iron stove is usually used there for kind
reason.

Most people think it takes a lot of years to
live in, but that is not the case at all, when
you keep the junk you let follow you around
from getting out of hand. This is part of the
fact that syndrome to which I am, some time
victim. But this is only when it's one, or very
cheap and hard to store stuff, as I am finally
nervous about applying my - "Do it need this -
or do I just want it" rule, to any more items.
This 8'x10' tent has plenty of space for me, but

Dear Vonnah:

Here are a few of my thoughts on a few of the subjects I have seen raised in your
past issues. (1) On the subject of possible abilities, you might consider the value
of abandoned mines. The advantages are: (a) they are there waiting for you to use.
You have hardly any work to do to occupy them. Surprisingly to me, hardly any of
the ones I have explored in northern Saskatchewan have been completely with artfully.
When you talk about not disturbing things and thereby attracting attention, it is
the ideal situation. You can move in and use yourself completely comfortable
without changing the looks of the outside at all. (b) White often old mine shafts will
be found to have water in them, which is another asset to one who wants to be indepen-
dent of outside sources of supply. With an internal supply of water you can, with
the barest minimum of plumbing, be self-sufficient for a very long time. (c) You are
parts of the country they are plentiful, and fairly easy to find. Of course you will
need to do some plumbing and adjust your latrine to conform with the availability of
water in your area. A good source for where to find mines anywhere in the US is
your local airport. For about 1.25 you can buy a "fractional chart" covering whatever
area interests you. These cover quite a large area. The scale is 1:571,000. Mines
visible from the air are marked by a crossed stick and number. My experience has
been that about 90% of these are not visible from the air anymore. Once the mine is no
longer being worked the tailings tend to get covered up with old weather earth and
the mine disappears from aerial view. Incidentally, about these maps, the political
information on them is quite often rather poor. Ironically, the roads and highways
will be very out of date. New highways won't even be on them sometimes, especially
in the Rocky Mountain west. The terrain relief information is fairly accurate,
although the scale is too large for there to be good detail. They make good overall
planning maps, but plan to get a topo map of an area if you want to explore in any
detail.

Another source for abandoned mine information would be the US Bureau of Mines.
I haven't tried this, but I'll just bet that you can get maps and lists of just
about anywhere you want by writing to them and asking for it. This brings up another
subject I wanted to get into.

It seemed to me while reading "What is Big Brother Watching?" that there is a
side to this that you didn't get into. That is that you can use Big Brother work
for you if you take the trouble to learn how. You can sit around and wish Big
Brother would go away if you want to, but I don't think the wisest will make a bit
of difference. Actually, Big Brother is a stupid giant, and can be used to the
advantage of ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ any of us elves who are visible and can learn to dance around
on the giant's points of control. The foregoing is an ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ example of just
that. Being federal agencies to get information for you to use to your advantage.
But, specifically, about what Big Brother is watching, you can find out for yourself
to a certain extent just by asking. The federal govt has a program called ENOS, which
stands for Environmental Resources Observation Satellite. The output from these
satellites is all gathered into one data center in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and by writing
to them you can get whatever photographs you want to see. There is a nominal fee,
so if you are in a big hurry you might send them \$5 or so. Otherwise you can tell them
what you want by describing whatever area you want to look at in terms of its grid
coordinates, tell them what scale you want, and they will tell you to send 1 or
2 dollars or whatever, and then they will pull that out of their computer.
This could be a great advantage to someone who is concerned about the aerial
visibility of something they are building. You could just keep camouflaging it until
you started seeing it in the satellite photos.

Finally, as a useful hint is the for-what-it's-worth department. It occurred to
me that a little bit to pick up mail would be to go down to the hardware store and
buy yourself a mailbox. Then find out if one of those places where they have about
a million mailboxes all lined up on a 2nd standing on poles. Take a couple nails
and walk yours up the pole, with whatever wire you wanted on the front in nice
clean letters. This would have to be on an RFD route, of course. Now, your address
would just be your name, RFD #, etc. You could drive by any time of the night and
pick your mail up, and chances are no one would ever give it a second thought
if there were a lot of boxes there already. Even if someone did wonder about
those it was, people usually assume that someone else must know about it and
let it go at that.

Finally, a word of philosophy about your magazine as a whole. I think you
people are a bunch of raving paranoids. Nevertheless, I would like to
applaud you in your undertakings, for I believe that in diversity such as
this is the real strength of the species. Some day maybe what is today's
silliness will be looked upon as clear thinking and foresight. So it has
been in the past. Yet, as of right now you might as well know that I expect
you all to die sitting in your tent flaps cross-legged with a shotgun in
your lap, waiting for the intruder who never came.

I have enclosed \$5 for you to continue sending your paranoid drivel.

Editor, Vonnah:

October 8, 1973

There never was a time in Canada, in my memory, when
opportunities for employment were better. Even so one should not succumb to the love
of full time employment but could use the affluent period for providing some cash
reserves. It seems that most women require some cash. If you are going in for
freedom without cash then work for one day and purchase that book titled
"Bunsenraft" by Richard Groves. It is available in Canada from Book Center,
1140 Rue Desjardins St., St. Laurent, Quebec and costs \$3.95. It is assumed you
have clothing. If you are going to do it in Canada some stout clothing will be
required for the winter here. In that case inquire from The Macmillan Company,
c/o Bond St., Toronto for books of Ellsworth Jaeger. His book "Nature Crafts"
is dedicated to a Cree woman who became lost in a vast northern Canada forest.
Her only equipment was a hunting knife and the clothes she wore. But she survived
the long winter and was in good health when found by a hunting party in the spring.
Other Jaeger books are: "Woodsmoke", "Land and Water Trails", "Wildwood Wisdom",
"Easy Crafts". Vonnah in the Chilcotin area of British Columbia, Anahim Lake,
should seek out Clee Lohit, who roams the woods of east central B.C. for seasons.
She is a merry eyed old lady, with a couple of blankets and a bit of canvas. And
some times wakes up in the morning under several inches of snow. Clee Lohit
was born on the Kootenai Indian Reserve but likes solitude and roams over many
miles of forest and meadow. She uses English, Chilcotin, and old Chinook trade
lingo. Thomas Skinner, R2d, West Lorne, Ontario, Canada

I'm looking for a map of the state of Wisconsin of the late 1800 vintage -
showing the principal meridian guide meridian base lines, and rows of the townships,
such as depicted by author A.F. Hallace in his book, "Luna Cruising and Prospecting".
Also the book "A Cabin Book Primer" 1908, Harding, Columbus, Ohio, now out of
print. A live animal trap shown in the F.C. Taylor Fur Co. catalog years 1955-60
sired 74"x71"x24" - collapsible. M.J. McNamara, 1292 Willowsdale Ave., Alta Vista,
Ottawa K1H 7S8, Ontario, Canada

I have to keep some stuff outside, and when it's too warm, all my stuff stays outside. This does get tiresome, but after staying up two different nights, I decided it's worth it. It is not having anything in the tent that has good air in, or that any, proper contact with blood. I have some poor eyesight, but super keen nose. I do stay looking outside too when it's good weather, and before dark, as I'd a lot rather have a bear come snooping around when I can see 'em better.

In the issue you sent me, the article on the polyurethane foam hat caught my eye, and it reminded me of a trip I read in a book written by a dude who had taught a Marine Survival School course, and it was making - sort of forming a pack out of it. Thick polyurethane plastic foam, and then buying a pair of canvas, rubber bottom mukluks to sit. Also he said to use a plastic cement, or rubber cement all up the plastic or something. Then I hear that there is some company making polyurethane foam sleeping bags! - and that they are warm even when soaked with water (like a wet suit?) - so my last thought is why not make Esquimo style pants and pants out of it? - covered with light canvas overalls & canvas loose pants, ought to be as warm as furs! - and a lot cheaper. I'm not too much into sewing (glueing) or I'd get it together and whip up an outfit out of it. It sounds like it would be a really light weight outfit, the breathing at elbows and knees may be a bit stiff & heavy with 1" thick stuff!

The last situation is a venous hassel, and tho I've gone thru a lotta changes, electricity, kerosene (some one else's place), candles, kerosene (some one gave me a nice old one) - and into my tent back on candles. However, a while back I was working with soapstone, & carved out an Esquimo kullik (blubber lamp)

which the small is to scale, and used it for a while with fat, wax & oil as they became available. But went back to candles because I couldn't find a really suitable wick. Finally I took it out of storage a few weeks ago when the pup's bread pan I had used for making the halves of my candles broke, and I was also wanting to try a new idea. So it looks like I've finally got a good strong light, adjustable flame, by using flat tin wash side strips of asbestos sheeting (thin) - and two of them seems about right for the size lamp I have. I do have to be careful not to let it over heat if I use three, so I use 2 to be safer. By putting a hand mirror alongside the lamp I can double the light intensity. This can also go for any kind of light - kerosene lamps included. I am using the kullik with wax in it at present. Just lay a chunk in the dish & it slowly melts, and I can adjust the flame height by making the wooden wedge in on out under the back of the lamp. Sounds like a lot of hassel, but I find it less than some table lamps, counting making them too. Tho the lamp looks tricky. You can rig up one with a candle can too, and also you can put sand in the can & stick the end of the wick in that if you want. Asbestos seems to be the answer to the wick problem, and is real cheap to get a life time supply (don't inhale the stuff). They cause lung cancer - even in small amounts. I'm not of kerosene or other oil oils, is, well, too dangerous, in my opinion, to even try out, so I don't know. I don't like the wick of a kerosene lamp either. The kullik will also use animal fat or oils (beef tallow, and by painting

you can buy a steel wagon - base with wheels, tongue, etc from Sears, etc starting at about \$70 up to \$130 for one with adj center shaft for length and high speed wheels & hubs. Width is 7'-8' length is 12'-20'. Tongue will take 1 or 2 horses or mules or a tractor.

Built on this, rising 2x10 & 2x4, the foundation box, of spec chosen length, 10" deep. Filled with insulation, vermiculite, or 2 layers 4" batt & 1 layer 2" batt. Top and bottom is T & G board or heavy plywood. Paint with preservative & sealer. Put around this a well about 12" high, as whatever you choose, the result will look something like a kid's big sandbox. This should be insulated. This is your base, it will be covered with fets or rugs, etc, perhaps sewed up of sample pieces - enough to be soft & comfortable. They can be taken out for washing, drying, sunning, etc. You don't wash shoes inside.

Mounted on the front is a driver's seat, preferably with rain/sun roof. On the back is a hinged set of steps. Brackets can be fastened on rear for water drums and beneath for long tool (shovel, etc) boxes. Don't forget overall weight tho.

The body can be solid like a gypsy wagon or frame & canvas like a cheepherkins wagon,

or you can make a portable yurt, like one, now gone, wagon people. They used a very thick felt for roof and walls of a tent erected on a wood frame. The interior was much like one of Hollywood's creations: hanging oil lamps, movable drapes, seat-cushion, less-than-knee-high tables of pretty, carved woods, bright ornaments and colors - all inside. The outside was dark and dull. You can use nylon or dacron cloth with 4 - 6" of foam rubber between 2 layers of cloth. Waterproof both sides tho. It can soak up water and get heavy if you don't use closed material, so be sure what kind of foam you get. This is lightweight and very warm. Sew thru all so it won't shift. It can be dropt down flat for travel so you can move thru low trees, etc. without cutting.

Balloon tires won't leave much trail. The only store-bought supplies would be lampoil, etc. If you do as the Navaho did. They planted foods and moved to them and picked or harvested as they went in a big circle. Sometimes, as with corn, one person was left to chase off the deer, etc. till harvest. There is a lot of open land you could move thru, tending south in winter.

This would probably be best with several families. Possibly part-time or seasonal work in some of the small towns could supply whatever money is needed, you could ride the horses with saddles or harness & use bows or even thrusting spears for small game. A few people, moving around, could probably find most of their food growing wild. A windcharger would keep a 12 v. auto battery charged or solar cells could be used with small rechargeable batteries to operate radio and even some tape/phonos music or small lights. Even very young couples could get along the way since little contact with civilization types is needed.

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Bill Clark

LEAD BATTERIES

by Al Fry

Since most everyone depends on 'wheels' and since our wheels depend on our batteries, batteries are pretty much a factor of life. I have usually relied on \$9 rebuilt batteries or occasional used snap meet \$3 batteries. If they are a good heavy duty type (Delco, etc.), they're over \$30 for a battery doesn't make good sense if you don't get several times the life of cheap batteries (and you don't).

The first thing I do when I get my battery is cut a washer of felt and a washer of plastic to fit each battery post. Coming vasoline on the felt, I put it, with the plastic washer over it, and stop worrying about further cable corrosion problems. Next, I never put any of the cobalt blue or super additives in the battery as they will shorten the life of the battery by half, regardless of the claims. And last, aside from normal water maintenance, I never let the battery sit any length of time dead, or even at half charge - this will shorten a lead battery's life considerably.

If you wake up some dismal day and your battery is dead, there is a 25% chance you can give it a new lease on life by irradiating the lead crud which lies at the bottom of the cells and sometimes shorts out the cells. Shake the dickens out of the battery and then empty the acid in a plastic bucket, after the 'crud' has settled, pour this acid back in the battery, recharge it, and cross your fingers.

LIFETIME BATTERIES

by Al Fry

After years of struggling along with sick, finicky, short-lived batteries, I finally decided to part with some hard earned shekels and try to eliminate the problem. It took me months of moaning around to get what I wanted and now, several months after I've been using them, I've decided Horray for space age batteries.

Uncle Sam uses these modern Michel-Cadmus batteries in his planes and some alert systems - other batteries used in rockets and more sophisticated operations are silver-silver, silver-cadmium, and silver-magnesium - these last batteries are harder to locate and cost Uncle more but are worth diamonds if you want the best. My bother! Well if you are using batteries in your little sanctuary van, bus or whatever the continuous periods of charging and discharging and especially any prolonged period of discharge without charging tend to shorten a lead acid battery's life. You will probably be lucky to get a couple of years out of the darned thing - furthermore if you overcharge the thing this will further break down the plates. All in all they are a disgusting monument to greedy industry considering you can get nickel-cadmium in Europe. Michel-Cadmus, etc. just don't wear out. You can let them stand discharged without damage - you can overcharge them all day without damage. You can discharge and charge them thousands of times and they still won't wear out. The only thing that does bother them I found out is to blow the tops off of them. I was really tapping mine with 15 amps and not thinking about the gas generated. I messed with the clip and created a spark and 'bam' I was covered with caustic liquid. Fortunately I had a bottle of vinegar in my van so getting under a garden hose and stripping I rinsed good and did the vinegar neutralizer thing quick - otherwise I'd have been a very burned boy. Surveying the damage I got out my ever present little tube of super silicon glue and glued the demolished battery cells back together and lo! they worked as well as ever.

If you want something that will keep you in light for the rest of your life here is a tiny suggestion: Every govt surplus store you go by stop in and check for govt batteries. If you want to check prices or send for some mail order there are only two place I found that reliably carry them. ESSE Radio Co., 368 S. Veridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46225 and in the west Q & H Surplus in Glendale (phone book). All of these government batteries come in 1.2 volt cell banks. You buy them by the cell and little cells will run from about \$3 to around \$12 a cell for the big cells. If you want only one cell then you could run flashlight bulbs. If you get 5 and hook them together you would run 6 v. car bulbs, and so on. I took my cells and made up a 12 volt system in my van. Since the bulbs don't have much wattage I put them very close to where I read and have them in a light with a magnifying lens to increase the intensity. The flashlight bulbs should also be put back of a magnifying lens and such an arrangement would be perfect for an everlasting rechargeable flashlight (Are you there, spelunker Doerr!) I found my cells in San Diego and they came from an early warning system and are the largest I've ever seen. I got a deal by buying all available at \$5 a cell but only have 5 left I would part with.

Large cells are better in that they hold more juice and run things longer - even start cars. Small cells ought to be fine however for anyone in a van type lifestyle that doesn't need any excess weight. One cell would need a little flashlight battery charger (a 6 v. charge probably wouldn't hurt if it were low ampere) and a regular battery charger juices up the multi banks - including the auto alternator juicer mentioned in previous v.l. If anyone has notions of a water or wind power system running an alternator these batteries are almost a must because of the constant charge and discharge and overcharge cycle that really ruins lead batteries fast. I have a small inverter that switches my 12 volt system to 110 volts for razor and small appliance usage but it is a little more efficient to run on straight 6 or 12 v. since there is a loss in the conversion to higher voltage.

At this time I think we have a few years yet until we come to a point where one must be self sufficient or a pawn of big brother or perish (could be 10 years before a 'collapse' and the perish part) but the next few years are vital in getting organized and stocked up on the things needed in the coming years. Self sufficiency should start to become the goal to work toward. I'm beginning to get ready. Such things as these batteries will be worth their weight in gold to some persons in the future. There may come a time when you won't be able to get a lead battery replacement because of chaos or a lack of money. If you have your Nick-cads you can wind, water or gas charge them via an alternator or generator and have light. Light may be important after you have run out of kerosene, propane or whatever.

AILING MOTHER-TO-BE SAVES FEES BY STAY IN CAMPER AT HOSPITAL

At \$75 a day and an expected prolonged stay in the hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Egan looked for a solution to their financial problem. Mrs. Ruth Egan, pregnant and with "placenta previa" a potentially dangerous problem, lived 35 minutes driving time from Salt Lake City's LDS Hospital. Doctors said that was too much time away from emergency treatment if the placenta should break away from the uterus. "Bed rest and constant doctor care are the only answers to a live baby", her doctors said.

On May 3, the hospital administration granted the Egan's permission to keep their truck and camper unit in the hospital's parking lot. In climbed Mrs. Egan for a five-week stay. "Everyone was caught up on the romance of this unique case," said L. Brent Coates, chief administrator. "Nurses and other hospital employees, relatives and friends, as well as her doctor, made daily visits to the camper."

Mrs. Egan says she had at least 45 different volunteer baby sitters. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), to which the Egan's belong, helped make the Egan's comfortable. Each night Mr. Egan would arrive and spend the night. Even their children were able to visit their mother, something they couldn't do in the hospital.

"Everyone was so nice, I didn't have time to get depressed. Besides I've seen pregnant women lie in bed nine months." She kept her mind off her problems with the excitement of the hospital's nearby emergency entrance and the noises of the area. It all came to a happy ending this week. She was wheeled into the hospital on a stretcher and, by Cæsarian section, gave birth to a 7-pound, 3-ounce girl. Both were described in excellent condition.

(Thanks to Al Fry, I think, for clipping)

MICCOSUKEE INDIANS WIN LEGAL EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Judge Richard Stanley of Collier County Florida ruled on July 29th that Bobby Clay, a Miccosukee, will not have to send his five children to the public schools. Judge Stanley said he had based his decision on the recent Supreme Court ruling that stated that children of the Amish religious

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a flat piece of metal of about 1"-1 1/2" width and long enough which forms a U shape to reach across the top of the fuel tank, you can even heat food & the water up in it - watching not to let the flame quite reach the bottom of the pan or it will make soot. And you turn the lamp right, you can also read at the same time. It is also smoke less, and could be used to heat a small enough place, such as the lean heat.

The use of a small back pack white gas stove (I have the Optimus 8R white gas burner) really is handy when in areas where a fire is unsuitable or impossible. A good spot of tea & you're off in the morning. I have even baked bread on mine using a tobacco can lid with slits cut in it & a cast iron skillet to bake in. Don't put a metal cast iron stove lid or anything that holds the heat that much, over one of these w.g. stoves made for back packing. The tank gets too hot from reflected heat. You could blow one up like that. The tobacco can lid doesn't hang out over the tank on my Optimus and doesn't hold heat like cast iron lids/stoves do. A gallon of white gas goes a long, long way. Well, I'll send along a couple bucks for some Bonville zincs, preferably Canadian desert areas, but especially anything about burns tripping - and burns or horse trippers. Eldorado may know? Camping, tent stoves, pack eqpt. etc. Since I'm gonna split here in the spring, don't want to get wound into a year subscription, but any back issues would be welcome digitally with above subjects (I expect laws too) a few links till spring. Use anything here in if you wanna -

Normally, Donna

Before the dawn of agriculture, when primitive people were food gatherers, acorns probably were relatively more important than wheat is now. Today, though eaten by bees and wildlife, acorns are an undeveloped food resource for humans. The American Indians, who gathered and stored quantities of acorns for making bread, developed several simple methods of washing out the tannin and bitter taste with water.

As a rule, acorns of the white oak group are preferred for human food, being less bitter than those of the black oak group. The species of white oak generally are recognized by the leaves and their lobes, which have blunt or rounded teeth and are not finely serrated. By the light-gray, scaly bark, and by the acorn shell, which is not hairy inside. Slightly sweetish acorns, produced by a few kinds and by individual trees, can be eaten raw or roasted and should be selected for tree-planting investigations.

Acorn meal and acorn bread are easily prepared, whether for a variation in the diet or for camping trips and emergencies. To make acorn meal, first soak acorns after they fall as is convenient. Then crack and remove the shells and grind the kernels in a food chopper. If acorns are to be stored, they should be dried by heat or fumigated to prevent damage by insect larvae or decay.

The bitter tannin is easily removed by spreading the acorn meal about one-half inch thick on a porous cloth or by putting the meal into a jelly bag. Then pour on hot water and let this percolate through. Repeat once or twice until the bitter taste is removed, and squeeze out excess water. Then spread out the wet meal to dry and parch in an oven. Grind the meal again if it has baked badly. Another method of extracting the tannin is to boil the dry kernels for 2 hours, before grinding. Next pour off the darkened water and soak the darkened kernels in hot water, changing occasionally until the bitter flavor is lost. Then grind into paste and dry.

Acorn meal is used like corn meal in recipes for bread or muffins. Some prefer to mix with equal parts of corn meal or wheat flour, as bread made from acorn meal alone tends to be friable and crumbly. Acorn bread is a pale chocolate brown and has a taste suggesting a mixture of corn meal and nuts.

Breakfast cereals can be prepared from acorns also. After grinding and washing, put the doughy mass in a pot, add water, and boil. The mush thus prepared swells to about double its original volume and has a chocolate color. It is eaten with milk and sugar, with a pinch of salt added.

As acorns are high in carbohydrates and fats, nutritious acorn bread is similar to bread and butter combined. Experiments indicate that an edible salad oil similar to olive oil could be obtained from acorns of California live oak and perhaps other black oaks with relatively high fat content. —Elbert L. Little, Jr., Food Service.

sect do not have to attend public schools because it would violate their constitutional rights under the First Amendment. Clay had sought exemption for his children as a follower of the Miccosukee customs.

Clay had been charged by officials of the Collier County School System with violating Florida's compulsory attendance law, which requires children of 7 to 16 years of age to attend school. The 33-year-old

Clay works as an auto mechanic at a gas station/general store near the village of Royal Ramoos, where about 350 Miccosukee live 18 miles into the Everglades west of Naples. Clay never attended school as the white man knows it, but he speaks some English. His wife, Judy, 37, speaks her own language. Truant officer Michael

J. Galloway asserted in court that the children were being kept in Miccosukee villages for economic reasons, rather than religious ones. He contended that tourists who paid to visit the villages along route 41 expected to see Indian children playing in the yards, and that the Miccosukees had realized their children's attraction. School records indicate 70 Indian children out of 9443 county pupils attend public school. Several hundred school-age Miccosukees live in Royal Ramoos alone....

High Lawyer, an attorney funded by the Miccosukees for this case, also argued that the state law doesn't apply to Clay or Miccosukees because they have never signed peace treaties and have kept themselves intact as a separate nation. "They are a group who refused to die, although the persecution they have suffered is shameful," he said. (another said) "Everything they do is associated with religion. They can't understand why we want to send our children to a school where God is not mentioned or taught. And they don't see why our schools should impose our beliefs on them." Anderson said Indians fear their children will become hopelessly confused by the two different societies they would be forced to live in if they had to attend white man's schools... (from a news item notes)

THE HOME AND ITS ENVIRONS MUST BE MADE SECURE EVEN IF THAT MEANS MAKING OTHER AREAS MORE DANGEROUS

If, for the sake of argument, one accepts the proposition that the total amount of crime cannot be diminished, only displaced, this then offers a new question: Is a pattern of uniformly distributed crime preferable to one in which crime is concentrated in particular areas? It is our contention that the second situation is more desirable. The home and its environs must be felt to be secure or the very fabric of society comes under threat. From our interviews, we have been led to believe that people accept the fact that certain areas of a city are unsafe and therefore take steps to avoid or minimize the risk of using them. But they all find this an intolerable condition for their own residential environment. People can limit the use of dangerous areas, and, if too frightened, will find ways of collectively using these areas so as to add to their safety. This often happens when women meet to go shopping or to use the project laundry room. In the home and its environs, no one wishes to feel so restricted. The family spends most of its time there. It is where future generations are raised and where the most susceptible members of society live. It is also the shelter to which we all return from our forays. For these reasons, it must be made secure, even at the expense, if necessary, of making other unresidential areas more dangerous. In many ways it would be a significant accomplishment to achieve this and alone - to displace crime to shopping, institutional and business areas. The argument can be made that these other areas are inherently more easily served by formal police protection. (this is from an article on crime in public housing projects in intellectual digest.)

NEW ZEALAND DEER POACHING A DEADLY GAME

A weird war has lately erupted among the crags and pinnacles of New Zealand's southern mountains - some of the most inaccessible territory on earth. It's the feud between the "meat hawks," professional venison hunters who scout the trackless forests by helicopter shooting wild deer for meat and hides. These are fearless, rugged outdoorsmen who flit through country where it is often impossible to walk. They carry semi-automatic rifles for shooting deer on the run. They are professional deadshoots. And they work from speedy agile choppers some of which are capable of a 120 mph cruising speed. The "venison war" has been simmering for several months. But only recently has it exploded in acts of sabotage and arson which many observers predict are the prelude to actual shooting and even bizarre whirly-bird dog fights amid the dizzy peaks of Fiordland and the southern alps.

Like most wars, this one has economic underpinnings. For at least 10 years, venison hunting has been a \$5-\$7 million a year business in the southern mountains. But this year - possibly due to the world meat shortage - the price for wild meat rose from 40¢ per pound to more than \$1.00. Suddenly the winged armies blossomed with choppers which bristled with high-powered rifles. The once-silent ridges of the southern high country sounded to hovering copters, howling sirens employed to frighten deer herds out of the bush and the sounding of semi-automatic weapons. The venison rush was on. Some operators, it is said, can take home as much as \$1,000 for a good day's work. One venison recovery company, Alpine Helicopters, secured a three-year government contract for exclusive operations in deer-rich Fiordland National Park. But the vast and tangled three million acre wilderness proved impossible to police and soon other helicopters whirled in to get in on the bonanza.... Twice now incendiary fires have been touched off in Alpine's hangars with some damage to equipment.... Frequent, but unconfirmed reports, indicate that shots have been fired from the grounds as the helicopters fly through the mountains. Some of the private operators (technically "poachers" since they operate in defiance of the law) speak bitterly of Alpine's "monopoly" in the venison business. Says one: "We've got our own little laws to go by. We don't feel the deer belong to the Parks Board or to Alpine.... they're New Zealanders' deer." In mid-November, the government took measures to stop the meat "piracy" in Fiordland but found the policing job too big to handle. One park ranger says, "It's almost impossible to catch a poacher in the act. And even if we do, the fine is only \$350. Most of them make twice that much in a day's work...." The "meat hawks" are a fiercely independent and cunning breed. They know, by radio, the moment a policing chopper leaves the ground and they know the direction it is heading. In three million acres of trackless, unsurveyed wilderness, it is never difficult to find a place to hide.... (from newspaper article by John Forbis)

THE SHABASHNIK REPLY

[this is a letter to the editor from the literary gazette, moscow, ussr, by way of the southern libertarian messenger.] Greetings, dear A-kadi! We have read your article in Literary Gazette No. 10 of March 7, 1973, entitled "The Shabashnik". We read it with great interest, and even aloud, since there were three of us and nobody wanted to wait. And despite it being very amusing, we have decided to reply, since we sensed that your article was addressing us directly. We had come together, as a matter of fact, to hold a little conference on production matters of interest to our company. On our agenda today are three questions: 1. Provision of better services to consumers; 2. Competition in the sphere of consumer goods and services; 3. Demand for new services, and possibilities for satisfying same. The second question, to be sure, was strictly symbolic since each organization as Zarya (a government firm), a type of enterprise so dear to your heart, never really have been serious competitors of ours, whereas with our own kind, with other "shabashniks", we shall always be able to find a common tongue. The high efficiency of our company (which you noted in your article), and also the high quality of work performed (which you noted in your article), and the respect of our clients. In a house into which people have just moved, the employees of Zarya have little to do. Our upholstery material is better; the price is the same; we always give with us locks, fishbones, door-handlers; and, besides, we always upholster better and faster than the workers of (official) firms. Only when extra labor is involved (repairs to a heater or installation of a fishbone

or lock, etc.) do we charge above the government price, so you need not bristle over such prices as 22 or 24 rubles. We are certain that the money is well earned. We have almost no overhead expenses and instead of receiving only 40% of clear profit that official firms would have the right to pay us, we get to keep the entire 100%! So there is no reason for us to work with stolen upholstery material, which is what you plainly insinuated. You are surprised that we go to work well dressed (incidentally, in winter we, too, wear a coat liner). But people welcome you according to your appearance and my client will prefer to deal with me over "uncle Peter" from your firm, because he'll have in his drunken, unshaven face and ask: "It's from Zarya. Do you send your door padded?" The client usually couldn't care less whether there is a "shabashnik" peddling for him or a man from the official firm. He's interested in the final results. By the way, a bit about ourselves. Two of us have had a college education, we always drink in moderation, we're good family men. When we fill out questionnaires we always say: we weren't there, we didn't belong. We have none - so that our outer image is perfectly ok. It's simply that we need the extra 120 or 140 rubles a month which a young specialist can earn in the central part of the country. We have no desire to go to the far North, and what we need per month is about 500 to 600 rubles which we earn, please note, with our own hands, and in the sweat of our brows. We have enough money for good clothes, and for taxis too - you may rest easy - there's no need to worry on our account. But don't hasten to relegate us to the category of money-grubbers. Nobody in our company is a hoarder; each one spends his earnings as he wishes, but money is not our exclusive goal. And consider that if we are forced to give up our work repairing doors and upholstery (as we were once forced to give up our photography business), we shall find some other work to do. In our trade, initiative, practical common sense, inventiveness and aggressiveness are compensated immediately and very liberally. So in the sphere of household services - and particularly in finding new services to perform we - the "shabashniks" - have always dominated and shall always dominate. That's because we don't need to coordinate everything, or to carry a thousand little papers around to be signed just in order to drive in an extra nail or to change an obsolete item.

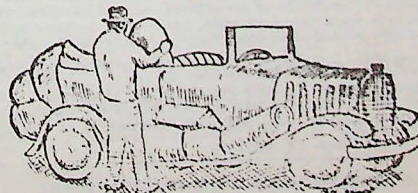
Merz once said: "Demand generates the offer." Demand has always existed, exists now, and will always exist. And we'll be glad to take care of making the offer. If you have sufficient objectivity to publish our letter in its entirety, we hope that it will serve as a worthy reply to your article. We impose no limits on the commentary you make. Uncle Yanya & Co. P.S. For perfectly understandable reasons we are omitting our return address. Besides, we don't want to spoil the favorable atmosphere that exists in our town. Nor do we need to advertise for new clients; we are quite able to carry on by our own means.

COMING EVENTS

by Al Fry

In my speculation... let me try to give a progression of coming events which will effect me of this country and especially the west coast.... There will be devaluations which will bring on periods of increasing inflation which will in certain cases bring about what we could call a depression - although what is coming will bring depressions of the past look amateurish.... I had felt that what is coming might hit us overnight as in the crash of '29, but I am now tending to believe that this one is not going to be anything like the last depression. It just may be a gradual sinking into what will eventually be a "survival of the fittest" game. As things go down the tube the people who generally remained law abiding good citizens during the 30's depression, are going to be frightened, mad, hysterical, hungry, lawless animals in many areas and this will intensify the existing presidential orders to deal with them. An approximate thousand of the existing presidential orders to deal with them. As we mentioned in "How to Survive the Coming Depression" these P.E.O.'s are already on the books and waiting for the appropriate excuse for their usage. They strip virtually all the freedoms of the constitution from us.... I would advise you to act as though we will be in chaos in the next few years. If you can I would advise remote non-perishable food caches. I would advise obtaining guns and ammo now. I would advise you to have everything which would keep you alive if you were cut off from civilization and hunted for the little you have on your back. I feel it will be a gradual process. In the next few years guns will be unobtainable (except through black market). Food supplies to the larger cities will eventually slow to a trickle (with the lawless chaos and desperate element loose). I will predict a time during the worst part of what is coming when human flesh will keep many of the more desperate or lawless element alive and I see very little hope for anyone in a metropolitan area that has a "turn the other cheek" attitude. As for the hills I foresee bands of brigades and dangerous lone in most of the coastal mountains and I feel that for your ultimate protection gear it would be wise to have a silencer or at least a silent cross-bow - if you are alone or a couple you may very well become the objective of a more organized band.

If you are lucky enough to have a haven in the wilderness, or at least fairly far from cities, I don't think there will be any unsurmountable problems during the first years of the coming decline. The basic problems will come from people desperate from hunger and driven callous from shock. The looting of the cities will soon find everything of value gone and this will force them to spread out in all directions looking for any unguarded goods they can confiscate. If you have well guarded as well or well hidden stores you may very well enjoy your time during this period.... If you are sharing things away it might be well to include barter material as there are few "hard times" when 22 ammo, tins of tobacco, warm coats, and such won't be worth food or favors.... The more our economy slips the harder it will be to obtain the items that will tide us over in the "hard times" ahead....



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this is by ten. i've been out of touch all winter. so if you are just now getting vomulinc you ordered, or some question answered you asked, this is the reason. good news about #14. the printer i sent it to found it. seems a way away for a while and a batch of mail got delayed. i asked a to go ahead and print it. if copies come by when i'm ready to mail this i'll include them. i'm not counting it against subscriptions because it is so late; also small. on the address label after your name is either a number or "xc". the number is the issue to which your present subscription is paid. if you ask for a refund you get 50¢ for each issue remaining. for example if the number after your name is 22, i owe you 6 more issues (this is #16, 22 minus 16 is 6). if you ask for a refund you will get \$3. "xc" means there is some sort of an exchange.

i'll only be able to do vomulinc infrequently and irregularly, at least for a while. it's not much work for me to do it this way. but i'm not getting much benefit either. so i'll gladly turn it over to anyone who wants it if i think i can do a better job with it. but i won't give it to somebody who i think is going to change it into something basically different. i'm now crossing out the paragraph in vomulife 73 about vomulinc (in copies of v73 being sold) so i don't get any more subscriptions paid a long way ahead. on the other hand i'll probably be filling orders for vomulife 74 with a bunch of vomulincs (as soon as i accumulate 50,000 words of back issues) and a money back offer, so circulation may stay about the same (presently about 140).

there haven't been any vomulincs published since 73 issue. there have been vomulincs published - 13, 15, 16 (this one), and maybe 14. i have a few copies left of 11, 13 and 15, none of 10 or 12. i'm still looking for a publisher or distributor to go in with on vomulife 75. i probably won't put out another handbook issue until i do. if i don't make it with a vomulife 75, in early 75 i'll probably print a single sheet update on the 73 which will go with the 75's sold after that. in which case i'll appreciate feedback, updates, second thoughts, etc. about what's in 73. an author of an article in v73 wonders why e hasn't received any letters as a result of the article. answer: none have come for forwarding to you. there have been very few letters for forwarding - maybe a dozen total since v73 came out. this surprises me because v73 has probably already sold 1500 or 2000 copies. (i'm behind on my bookkeeping so i don't know the exact number). also maybe about 1 out of every 4 people who gets v73 then orders older issues, or v74, or vomulinc, so there must be quite a few people interested. but most readers don't seem to be interested in trying to contact each other. maybe that's logical. when i took over vomulife two years ago i had some fantasies about building it into more of a contact zine. that's partly why i split off vomulinc. but i soon discovered that most of the readers weren't interested in that. then i tried to encourage more local and specialized zines and nets and (v). and more and more things along this line seem to be starting, but most don't want to be advertised or have letters forwarded to them. maybe this too is logical.

of contact zines i can write about, two which have a good record of publishing often and on a regular basis (but not vomulinc) are libertarian connection and green egg. libertarian connection comes out every six weeks. "each subscriber who meets our definition of libertarian ... is entitled to contribute up to two pages of any material per issue ..." (provided it's typed on mimeograph stencil). it's \$6 by first class mail or \$4 by third class for 200 pages. some of the material is similar to what's in vomulinc. there are also long running debates on political and theological questions. write, dam enterprises, box 90913, worldwide postal center, los angeles, ca 90009. i don't believe green egg makes any promises about printing letters, but it prints lots of them, including long running debates about witchcraft. green egg is published cross quarterly (8 times a year), coinciding with the eight sabbats, or Pagan Festivals. subscription for a year is \$6 in the u.s. write caw, pob 2953, st louis, mo 63130. sample of l.c. is 50¢, of g.e. is \$1.

what was maybe the best contact zine of all hat folded, that was lifestyle. seems the p.o. didn't like them and wouldn't give them second-class mailing permit. without which it cost them too much to mail (they were a big zine). censorship american style. if they don't like what you write they don't necessarily put you in a concrete camp. they just charge you plenty for postage and use what they get from you to subsidize zines they approve of - reader's digest, newswave, etc. that's all that second-class mailing permits are.

master satan wrote about communication nets in 24 january 74 libertarian connection, pages 27-29, and for comments, here goes. i wonder about depending on mail. a useful lot of mail gets lost or mislaid. also i wonder about doing it in writing. i can write fast though not well, but a great many people have trouble expressing themselves that way. so if a net depends on writing i don't think many people will get involved. how about starting a number of local nets which use phone calls, visits within the net and letters between nets. (there will probably be one or a few people in each net who like to write and they can do communication with other nets.) for starting it might be well not to try to do it through l.c. or vomulinc or other zines. maybe bad guys read these. maybe they don't. but whether they do or not, the possibility that they might make people a little hesitant to advertise or to respond. why can't a net develop by word of mouth. anyone interested probably knows personally at least two or three other people who are also interested, and each of them knows 2 or 3 more, etc.

i agree that subjects might best be less of a theoretical nature, and more of a specific one. maybe nets should be specialized. many different nets, each one on a single subject. one person may be in a lot of different nets. when a get interested in something new a asks people in the nets e is presently in to put e in touch with people involved in that, etc.

for least expense and effort i think it's hard to beat little zines put out by photoreduced offset. if they are done by somebody who has the right equipment and who gets mail easily (not me), and if they don't try to make a big promotion out of it and charge accordingly.

on another track, maybe libertarian connection, which is mimeographed, could offer specialized subscriptions. somebody could subscribe just for pages on life extension, or pages on self-liberation applications, or pages by nutcase, or pages by filthy pierce, or any combination,

etc. \$6 for 200 pages is expensive if most of those pages are arguing the finer points of relativist theory or something else i'm not interested in. but i'd pay \$6 or even \$7 or \$8 for 200 pages about things i thought would be of use to me.

i was recently sent another issue of the new earth catalog. no date on it except it's copyright 1973. much more in it than in the first issue. good section of backpacking equipment, more complete even than last year's earth catalog i think. new earth catalog, p.o. box 8820, san francisco, cal. 94111. it's \$4. a new zine is the copulation quarterly, which calls itself "the supplement to the whole earth catalog". issue #1 is more theoretical articles than source listings, but several of the articles i like. 558 santa cruz, manito park, calif. 94026. a year's subscription is \$6. \$3 for single copy. syncretic park "a global newsletter of futuristic communications, media and networking. bimonthly. sample got lots of brief descriptions of various groups, coming events, new books. seems to be interested especially in esp and video. twenty first century media, 606 fifth ave., e. northport, ny 11731. 516-368-3609. \$5 a year. i don't see sample price.

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i will pay finders fee for very cheap land, tax land, old farm, etc or so shares w someone. i want backcountry land... enough for cabin, garden, orchard, w/d lot. will trade trailer for big stoke or van truck. will trade custom designed/built oceangoing sailboat for farm. PAUL DOERR, BOX 1444, VALLEJO, CA 94590.

Dear People! How can we find out how to process wood-fire smoke to be less visible? We've heard of some sort of water filter. MUST work for treeshouse 25' above ground. THANKS for any help or information!! Blueberry, 236, Sizes, OR 97476

Dear Vomulife: The suggestion by the person who called you "raving paranoids" (by the way would have we call it "the paranoid newsletter" - and live it immensely) about putting up your own mail box on a rural route to receive mail secretly is not practical for two reasons. 1st - I must not know any rural people or i'd never say "chances are no one would ever give it a second thought". 2nd - The post offices are in charge of mail service and you just don't get mail without their approval. an address isn't an "address" unless they say so. Of course you might be allowed to put up a mailbox by leveling with the local p.o. but that would hardly be very secret and sly. Kathie

Note: In cities having Social Security office, no social security card applications are given out at post offices. The applications at the S S offices do not seem to be available as they are processed by the local office as far as i can tell.

After 7 months of doing vomu, i am back into a preparing stage which while precisely what i wanted to avoid is necessary in order to make a permanent go of it. Most of the experience i gained was already covered in Vomulife or Preforma-Inform; however i want other van-dwellers, that rain-slicked clay Jeep trails in Colorado and Wyoming are easy to go up in a V.W. van, but an extreme, potentially fatal hazard coming down. During August and September i had 3 such experiences, one nearly my last experience alive, except for the timely intervention of Lady Luck. Keep on vomu. Brian

Salt Article Update. Well, the source of the firm i mentioned in Salt Lake City seems to get a response now. 1. recommending i recommend - 1. ordering out a sack of livestock salt for a feedstore (which is usually "raw" salt) 2. Getting the Jewish Kosher Salt from a large city's Jewish section. 3. going to Health Food stores and getting any salt which is in irregular granules and chunks - much salt is often labeled not for human consumption - grayish - off color and may come from France or various exotic lakeheads - but it sure isn't heated. Al Fry

item	price/lb	cost of MDR of protein	cal/lb	cost of 1000 cal.
rye flour	\$.11	\$.11	1486	\$.07
oatmeal	.11	.11	1773	.06
soybeans	.27	.12	1832	.15
wheat germ	.23	.13	1650	.14
soy flour	.33	.15	1914	.17
wheat bran	.15	.16	968	.15
non fat dry milk	.67	.17	1650	.41
soy grits	.39	.18		
whole wheat flour	.17	.19	1514	.11
whole wheat, hard red	.21	.21	1500	.11
cornmeal	.12	.24	1614	.07
cottage cheese	.51	.31	482	1.06
barley, pearled	.21	.35	1586	.13
brewers yeast	.83	.37	1286	.65
sunflower seeds	.57	.39	2545	.22
whole eggs	.81/doz	.42	1320/doz	.61
peanut butter	.50	.44	2641	.19
garbanzos	.43	.46	1636	.26
kidney beans	.42	.47	1559	.27
navy beans	.43	.49	1545	.28
sesame seeds	.51	.50	2559	.20
millet	.30	.51	1486	.20
turkey	.69 s		1195	.58
chicken	.59 s	.53	800	.74
whole wheat bread	.34	.59	1095	.31
milk	.35/qt s	.59	640/qt	.55
canned tuna	1.19 s	.60	895	1.33
cheddar cheese	1.25	.69	1809	.69
brown rice	.42	.76	1636	.27
ground beef	1.09 s	.88	1300	.84

If you have to pay very different prices, or if prices change greatly, you can convert the figures in this table by using the formula:

$$YC = \frac{YP \times MC}{MP}$$

where MP = my price/pound (1st column)
MC = my cost of MDR of protein (2nd column)
YP = your cost/pound
YC = your cost of MDR of protein

The 4th column shows that those foods that are protein bargains are generally also bargains in terms of the cost per calorie, with the exception of dairy products which are more costly per calorie. At today's prices, meats are not bargains in terms of calories or protein.

Meanwhile, I am doing the winter in a Vw van and often walking in to my 33 foot bus that is on a hill top to which the road and bridge has since washed away. I planned to plant it there for a long time, so the walking in is just fine for now.

I built a 7 foot square building of mill and 2x4 boards obtained mostly for free and it was turned out quite sturdy. The 2x4 boards were attached like bricks and nailed with one or two nails to the boards below. Window frames and doors are easily included. Some of the wood I got free was even 8 feet long, because of being overly soft or sappy. These spanned the top of a slope, and were covered with plastic for a solid roof. From walking on that I would estimate a two or three story structure would be quite sturdy if kept in reasonably good shape. There is a possibility of making each layer a little smaller overlapping to the inside than the one below it and thus ending up with a pyramid shape, with mill roof required. The outside is finished with composition shingles or any type of waterproofing. Very long lasting. This is technically called "cribb construction", and is said to be very fire resistant. The walls are solid wood, 1 1/2 inch thick. Thus semi rotten boards can even be mixed in the mill ends without such much harm. Make good storage caches, and could be built in a ground hole with tarpaper to insulate from ground contact.

Also near here is a retired college teacher lady, in an underground concrete room she built. She found and finished a round hill top to a flattened dome shape, dug drainage around it, and laid reinforcing rod over it. She poured and tamped concrete over this. When it set she dug out under it and put in a slab floor, and covered over the top with earth and planted grass and bushes. Only one side is cut for exposure and drainage and a door. The dome has root cellar function.

EVERYTHING BUT THE FEATHERS

If hard times really are coming, most of us aren't going to be able to afford to waste any food, which means, for example, that when we buy a chicken, we'll have to eat everything - no more of this eating just the good parts & throwing the rest away. We'll eat it all down to where, when we buy a chicken, we get at least 3 meals out of it: chicken, giblets, & soup, & we don't throw anything away, not even the bones. To begin with, we usually bake the chicken, surrounded by vegetables, like potatoes & carrots & onions. Any bones, skin, or parts uneaten at this first meal are gathered together & refrigerated. We take the neck from the rest & use it with these scraps.

Another time we'll make giblets & rice. Put some brown rice on to boil. Cut up some onions & sautee in a pan with a little oil. Cut up some celery & sautee & put in with the onions. After about 10 minutes, when the onions & celery are cooked awhile, we might add some carrots or celery or other vegies. Then when the rice is about done, cut up the liver & add to the pan. Liver doesn't take long to cook. When the rice is completely finished, add to the pan & mix with everything else. Simmer a few minutes, then serve with a little soy sauce.

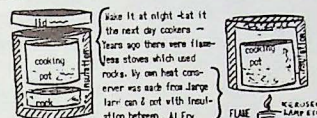
Another day we'll get around to the soup. Put all the bones & chicken scraps in a pressure cooker. Add 2 cups of water, 1 tsp. of salt, & 2 cup of vinegar, & pressure cook for 45 minutes. The vinegar helps break down the bones. If you don't have a pressure cooker, you can cook in an ordinary pot, but then you'll have to simmer for about 3 hours. When you open the pressure cooker, if soup still smells of vinegar, boil vigorously for a few minutes with the cover removed to boil it off. Now pour the soup thru a strainer & put the broth back on the stove. You'll be left with a pile of bones & meat scraps. The bones look normal, but they are soft; you'll find you can stick a fork right thru them. Go thru the scraps & separate all the soft meaty stuff from all the harder bony stuff. Cut meat & skin into small pieces as you go & put all the meat back into the soup. I thought I found any good

put all the meat back into the soup. The bones are now soft enuf to eat. I haven't found any good dish to make with them, so I just take the dish of bones & eat as is. They have a rich, musky taste & are full of juicy marrow.

To finish up the soup, throw in appropriate vegetables: carrots, potatoes, celery, kohlrabi, etc. & add your favorite soup herbs: parsley, bay leaves, oregano, whatever. Simmer until the vegetables are cooked & serve. Delicious!

Ecological eating. Nothing wasted.

Jim Stumm



resting. I drove through Canyonville the day after the telephone guys got it in the mudslide and was wondering how various habitats were surviving the monsoon.

Am enclosing a piece from the Washington Post which may be of interest to VI readers. The price of silver continues to go up and one wonders whether the current multiplier isn't too high for VI type purposes (i.e., will the guy at the gas station take your silver half dollar as though it were \$1.75)? Barter and swapping among corporations is increasing--see WSJ clipping. So there will probably be lots of opportunity for brokers, free traders, etc. SHADES OF "THE LAST CAPITALIST" Concerning gasoline availability my experience in the last month in both the east and west is that the rural areas still have gasoline for sale (sometimes on sundays) even when there is no gas or long lines in the metropolitan areas.

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Let me hear from you!

El Dorado.

(was this the short letter for publication? i assumed so, but then i wasn't sure so i took off the address lan)

I recently looked up in the public library here names of children who died in infancy. All Ohio birth certificates are held by Ohio Dept. of Health, Columbus, Ohio. The paper didn't give middle names of either parents. I guessed at one and said I didn't know the other when I mailed in an application. I will report on obtaining a Social Security card soon. I found an answering service run by a lady who holds mail for me. It costs a few dollars a month but I have only used it two months. I pick it up from a mailbox after a phone call. I have got the birth certificate. After the birth certificate gets me a SS card. I will try for a drivers license. I got birth certificate application from writing local city government.

I am interested in establishing contact with a network of self-sufficient people. I would like to have access to a people bank from time to time. I can supply a relatively vomu environment - interesting on many levels and with fantastic potential. I am part of an open family. Our needs usually are for competence. Assuming the world holds together, we may need someone capable of setting up a kiln and pottery in 6 months or so. I wonder if you can supply this service? I have been many places... S*O*L*E*P*O*O*E, Korybaki; Skinner; Rapoport; Community; Isolation; The Master Game. Delightful; The Crack in the Cosmic Egg. I am working at Steps to an Ecology of Mind. I have been here 5 years. I only meet children. I would like contact with adults from whom I could learn. I would also highly value an occasional visit from a doctor or the name of one that is consultable by mail. My physical plant is handcraft, candles and straw precariously; a small health food restaurant, a comfortable 2 bedroom nest and proposed lodging units on the edge of the rain forest in paradise. I am creating a recreational facility within a botanical garden... perhaps for vommans. Money for expansion is slow. Air mail please. Surface mail takes several months to get here. BUTTERFLY, Papillote Limited, Dominica, Windward Islands. (air mail is very expensive to or from there. so if you write for information I think it would be nice to enclose a dollar. lan)

I did much winter camping when younger so wilderness living doesn't have much appeal. Frozen toes and so forth. However, I wish you all luck who are wilderness vommans. I find a relatively straight appearance to be a great help in setting by on the fringes. I find a compact 8 cyl. station wagon to be most economical transportation here. John Mc

I just got a letter from Cheryl Russell-Robinson of the Resurrection City People's Farm, Route 1, Box 125-A, Browns, Alabama 35724, asking me to ask around and see if she can find out where and how her husband is. He fought at Wounded Knee, was shot and disappeared. She hasn't seen him since. Pass the word, will you, and let me and/or Cheryl know, if anyone knows. Thanks! Lillian Jean Bruger or Jean King, 733 Manzanita Drive, Los Osos, Calif. 93401.

Dear Editor, One thing that I would like to see in vommling and vomnlife are articles on how to bury underground and protect from rust, rot, insects, etc., such equipment as various hand tools, matches, soap, shoes and clothing, firearms and ammo, etc. when things really get rough in this country such equipment as I have named above will be of far more value than gold and silver coins, arise bank accounts and other visible material possessions. Also how can one build underground simple living quarters? when heating this underground home or cooking with wood is there anyway that smoke can be neutralized or dissipated so it will not be seen or very little if any smoke odors reach the surface? I believe that an underground home and underground supply caches are two of the most important methods in living free. A small hut or cabin above ground may be used as a front in case anyone comes by, but in an emergency underground living is much safer. Joseph, Chicago (I acknowledge that I received letter and money order. lan.)

VL. If the writer (no name, not typed) used 2 x 3' beams under a 3/4 sheet of ply, a trailer, 4 x 8, could be made. A long tongue would fit 1 or 2 horses (if both mares, they would drop foals too) and some small wheels (small auto, wheelbarrow, garden cart, or bike with hard rubber or rope tires) would hold it. Canvas (nylon 908/yd or 4 1/2" width) could be fastened on sides. Raise a pole or 2, flex nylon bows like an old conestoga to make a tent. Flex poles could be long fishpole rods (like from Berters). The whole thing could be very light weight. I think I sent you plans for a tent wagon much like one tribe of wagon people used. You could scale this down to any size waster. For a 1 piece wood floor, get 3/4" ply and glue pieces staggered. Then cut off single ply edges. A donkey probably could pull. 2' pieces could even be hinged on each side of a 4 x 8 to make an 8 x 8 floor. I'll pay a finder's fee to anyone who can find me a very cheap piece of land, old farm, tax land, etc. Paul Doerr, Box 1444, Vallejo, Ca 94590.

ECONOMY CARS by Al Fry

As predicted earlier small cars are becoming increasingly hard to get hold of because of the fuel situation so perhaps it will help if we cover them briefly. It is our opinion that: Most of the little British cars hold up only fairly well. With a BMC car you can usually coax 60 thousand out of one but this is helped along by the fact that they really aren't hard to overhaul. The little British front wheel drive and rear engine jobs are usually good for more headaches than savings and should be avoided unless you really get a 'good thing'. I have seen the inside of many of them and so will you if you intend keeping one long. Small Italian cars are also short term deals and to be avoided unless the price is right. I once started back from Mexico City in a little Fiat and 3 dogs and half a dozen repair parts later I was beginning to wonder. I probably ought to comment on the great little Alpha-Ros but I've been there and am not impressed. Performance, yes, but at a cost of short engine life, and baby as far as I'm concerned, that's what cuts the mustard.

The Nordic cars are pretty fine machines generally but a little hard to get parts for reasonably if old at all. The older 3 cylinder Saabs were great bupsters now - forget it. About the only way you can find one reasonably is to get a wrecked, vandalized or sick older model and this takes time and labor. VW's were great machines in the 50's but times change. As it is each of the newer years has its mechanical shortcomings and crankshaft regrinders are really having good times from VW people. Use really good oil and change regularly and you should get your money's worth from a used model. I once put 50,000 miles on one and sold it for what I paid for it and they do hold their value. The larger fuel injection model with computer spacers in them can frequently get 30 plus miles per gallon, but what happens after a good hundred thou or so I don't know. Another good German car was the 2 cycle BMW. The only problem was that they turned up at high speed so few of them survived long unless the owner used restraint. One of the greatest cars of the last 20 years however was the nondescript German Borgward. Even with parts long scarce and gone I still see them occasionally - 100 thou was the rule rather than the exception. French cars very somewhat in quality and old Renaults seldom held up long without constant work and new rings at 50 thousand. Still at 30 to 40 mpg there's advantages. The large Citroens aren't small cars but I used to get 32 mpg from one and aside from oil leakage problems (a spoon of Vaseline oil in the system cured mine) they are one of the best used car bargains anywhere and a super well designed automobile. Almost 8 years ago I paid a guy \$10 reward to direct me to where a small Citroen 2.0V was sitting in about 200 pieces. For around 250 thousand miles (newer engine) later I am still lurching around the country in this car and will still

be getting my 50 mpg when Detroit's best are long again turned to scrap iron. A hundred persons must have wanted this car but few have what it takes to get one of their own so too bad so sad. I paid \$150 for it as a pile of junk and since it takes several bills to get one over here from France (the French really don't care if we get them or not and defeat the safety regulations) it is doubtful that one can be acquired for less than too much, or a sack or basket case. The Japanese Datsun was an almost identical copy of the BMC engine and actually sometimes holds up a little better. Even the Toyota holds up pretty well and the only great problem with these cars is that they hold their values too well to get any bargain. Foreign cars American name imports were once pretty bad cars but for the last 5 years or so they have been pretty fair cars. Don't pass one up if the price is right. American small cars have come a long way - I remember going to drive ins in a Crayola in grade school and they were strictly a short term wish. However by 90 year old uncle still has his little '50' Studebaker and hasn't had major trouble in 250 thousand miles at least. About one in 10 of these amazing little cars were simply indestructible. The little American Rambler mini car had a BMC motor in it and aside from so so styling was one of the first U.S. compacts of much merit. Aside from an occasional exception, most of the U.S. made compacts have been fairly reliable machines since then. It will be a few years yet before some of the newer and better models are available at reasonable used car prices but one never knows when a slick or mashedup job will give him some good transportation with a little work. While the gas shortage is contrived up to a point, there will still be a continued drive toward world wide economic chaos so the time to get something to get down the road is economically is now. If you can make it through what is coming on a bike - fine. But for the average person it will take 4 wheels and a supply of gas to get by now, and get out when the time comes later. There are a lot of older economy cars around but to get one at a decent price you will need to get your hands greasy and make sure you are not spending your time fixing up a piece of junk. We hope this helps - don't expect the majority of these small cars to hold up as well as a large Detroit model though, they just won't do it.

Dear Vomnlife People, I am not a vomu myself since I am still living at home, but as be as soon as snow melts around here will be moving up to Prince Rupert and Terrace as that's where my heart is now. A good book to read is Bushcraft by Richard Graves (a serious guide to camping and survival), Soccer Boss, New York \$3.95. Enclosed with this letter are sources of information needed or pertaining to vomu life in some way. Bruce, B.C.

"Building with Logs" Allen Worde, P.O. Box 1205, Prince George, B.C. Book only \$1. I bought this book about a year or so ago. It's a very interesting book for only this people interested in building original log cabins. It tells you everything you need to know including how to make cedar ceilings (wooden roof shingles), fireplaces, foundations, lining up walls, type trees to build with and a lot more.

"The Foxfire Book", by Eliot Wigington, 394 pages, \$3.95 paperback. Information to vomu people includes log cabin building, soap making, planting by the signs, snow hunting lore, mountain crafts and food and much more. Garden Way Publishing Co., Dept. B 713, Charlotte, Vern. 05445

Complete plans on a solar water distiller. Sun's energy converts muddy water for pure drinking (16 gal. capacity. \$10.) Pure water, Box 666, Autos, Cal. 95701. \$3.

Big camping equipment supply catalog featuring goose down bags, all kinds of covers, freeze dried foods, knives, axes, saws, folding shovels, archery, mess kits, compasses and gas stoves, material, tents and practically everything else that goes along with camping. They have a good catalog and their prices are low on most things. Don Gleason's Campers Supply, 9 Pearl St., Northampton, Mass 01060. 25¢

Free catalog on lightweight equipment for backpacking, mountaineering, camping. Prices are pretty good. They also sell big list of books, plus freeze dried foods, clothes, etc. Moor & Mountain, 14 Main St., Concord, Mass. 01742.

Free catalog on freeze dried food and backpacking and camping equipment. Prices in their last catalog I got were good but that was 2 years ago so check them out. Stowaway, 166 Dashing Highway (Rt. 3A) Conaset, Mass 02025

Lightweight freeze-dried food catalog free. Prices were reasonable on catalog I received last year. Also sell some camping stuff. Chuck Wagon, Box 226, Auburn, Mass. 01501

A good rifle for vommans is the Armalite AR-7 explorer 22 long rifle rimfire semi-automatic. The action, barrel and magazine pack in the stock of the rifle. Most shot assembled or when stored away in the stock for transport. Has a fiberglass stock, weight 2 1/2 lbs., overall length 34 1/2 inch, length when taken apart 18 1/2 inches. \$59.75. Available from Toronto's biggest surplus and outdoor stores. King 301 Outdoor Stores, 639 Queen St., W. Toronto. I got their catalog for 25¢ last year. Full of surplus bargains like M3 Air Force Perks \$25.00, snowshoes, field pants, parachutes (cargo type \$1.95) vietnam jackets, and lots more.

"Backwoods Journal", Paradox 3, New York 12853. Monthly magazine on nature appreciation, wildflowers, hiking, conservation, etc. Correspondence section popular. Sample 50¢. Illustrated booklet on "simple living" \$1.00.

Northwest Companion Planter, 311 First Ave South, Seattle, Wash. 98104. It's a magazine about organic food and agriculture for the Pacific Northwest. Sample one Trail camping, P.O. Box 310-A, Canoga Park, Calif. 91305. New magazine on backpacking, canoeing, camping, etc. Gives how-to, where to find it, and equipment reviews. (thanks. I left out a lot of places and books you didn't say you'd seen, or which have been reviewed a lot by whole earth catalog, etc., or which were listed in vomnlife 73. lan.)

MANY COMPANIES TURN TO BARTERING AS WAY TO GET VITAL MATERIALS

... The wall at street journal Feb. 13, 1974
... A barter economy is developing again today, possibly on a much broader scale than in the recent past, economists and businessmen say. Such forces as inflation, the energy crisis, wage and price controls and the resultant widespread shortages of raw materials all contribute to the trend. With limited supplies available in such fields as chemicals, plastics, paper, steel and oil, companies who do secure them are seeking "the greatest rate of return, and it may not be for dollars."
The barter system is becoming a way of life in some shortage areas.... This worries the FTC which is looking into the legality of barter deals because of numerous complaints from small firms left out of trades.... Close to half of the 300 corporate purchasing managers responding to a nationwide poll taken in late January said they are bartering to secure scarce products and materials.... The poll found a whole gamut of products being traded for other products rather than for cash. Purchasing managers are offering goods such as gasoline, fuel oil, polyvinyl chloride, ethylene, chlorine, welding rods, optical glass, isopropyl alcohol, magnet wires, sheet steel, aluminum extrusions, aluminum oxide, silicon carbide, polyethylene, and metal bars. In exchange they want such items as plastic monomers, benzene, polystyrene, ethyl acetate, acetic acid, antifreeze, tinplate, steel plate, and diesel fuel. ... If a company has benzene and wants it converted to styrene monomer, we might take his benzene and return him styrene monomer." Union Carbide gets paid by keeping some of the styrene monomer "for our own use."

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november 1974. vomulife, pob 248, paradise, ca 95969. back issues of vomulife 1973 are 50¢ a copy plus 50¢ a shipment, third class. vomulife 1 through 9 (may '71 through sept. '72) are 25¢ a copy plus 25¢ a shipment, third class.

note to people who paid in advance for 1974 vomulife and are not vomulinc subscribers. publication of another issue of vomulife has been postponed indefinitely. so instead i'm sending back issues of vomulinc which contain more than 50,000 words. if this isn't satisfactory, please return and i'll refund your \$1. i'm sorry i have to make this substitution.

this is the last issue of vomulinc. to subscribers who have paid beyond this issue i'm enclosing a refund of 50¢ for each issue remaining. i'm stopping it because i'm no longer in a situation where i can do it easily. also i think it's mostly filled its main purpose.

as for vomulife, i'd like to put out another issue but won't unless some regular publisher or distributor will make a commitment on bookstore distribution. if i print an update sheet for the '73 it will be a selection from what has been in vomulinc. if i put out a new vomulife i'll change my ads for it to say "1975 vomulife" (or whenever). so if you see an ad which says "1973 vomulife" or just "vomulife" it will be for the issue you already have.

i've got lots of copies of vomulife 73 left, maybe 7 or 8 thousand. if you can use 500 copies or more i will make you a good deal on them. (they are packed about 500 in a box.) ~~some 60¢~~ moneywise vomulinc has paid its expenses and maybe a little more, which is better than most little zines seem to do. some with vomulife. i've now paid off all the authors and other people who helped me do the 1973 issue and are still getting a trickle of orders. as for the unsold copies, it didn't cost much more to print 10,000 than to print 2000. that's why i gambled on being able to get bookstore distribution.

i didn't take on vomulife and vomulinc expecting to make a lot of money (though i wouldn't have minded it if i had). i thought i'd enjoy battling around ideas with others who are doing things out of the ordinary, and i have, though i haven't done as much writing myself as i expected to.

in libertarian connection no. 46 jim stumm referred to what i'd written about local nets and said, "What i wonder is what activities would go on that would give these nets a reason for being. i see the desirability when thinking in vague generalities but it's not so clear when we get down to specifics." okay, here are some specifics i can think of.

book and zine lending. i can't afford to buy all the books or subscribe to all the magazines i would like to look over, and small libraries and even most big ones don't have a lot that i'm interested in. so i buy one thing, and a friend buys something else, and another friend still something else, and a friend of a friend still something else, etc. and then we loan and swap.

information on something new to me. i probably already know where to go to get more information on something i already know a lot about, but for something i'm just starting to get interested in i may not even know where to begin. library indexes sometimes help but don't cover the newer or more unusual items or else i don't know what to look up under. but as part of a net i can ask friends and if they don't know ask them to put me in touch with anyone who might know. i might be asking for the best beginning book on subject x, or the best brand to buy of y, or the best source of y, or what price i should expect to pay for z.

equipment loaning. i'd much rather not buy something i'll only use one time or seldom. i might try to buy it used and then resell but i may have difficulty finding a private party who wants to sell or buy one and dealers won't usually pay but a third or half of what they sell it for. rental outfits will rent a trailer or truck but not more unusual things (though maybe they do in big cities) and even for what they do rent they are high priced. they got an office to pay for, etc. if i go to a contractor who has the equipment a doesn't know me and doesn't trust me to take good care of it so is afraid to rent to me, and also e would like to rent itself along with it for \$8 an hour or so. so i check with people i know and if they don't have it maybe they know somebody who does and will vouch for me.

food sharing. suppose i run onto surplus peaches which i can get for little more than the time it takes to pick them. i can't eat that many. maybe i can can them or freeze them or dry them but maybe i'm not set up for that or don't have the time or don't like canned or frozen or dried peaches. so i distribute them to friends and they distribute to their friends. and they share their good findings with me. if i had time i might be able to sell the peaches to stores or peddle door to door, but maybe i don't. or, an even better example, suppose somebody bags an elk out of season or without a license. there's a lot of meat on an elk. and i wouldn't want the job of peddling it.

junk picking. things which i have no foreseeable use for i leave some place for friends to pick over (and maybe me at a later time). and i pick over a friend's junk pile for things i need and for things i've heard that other friends of mine (who might not know the first friend) want.

these sorts of activities require that people be in close touch somehow, either camped near by one another or with some kind of radio communication or maybe with some way of plugging into the telephone system, or else it requires groups big enough to support a lot of go between. or else it might be between a woman and conventional friends out that can get sticky. some of the activities also require a lot of trust (the equipment loaning for example) and that takes time to develop, so they wouldn't work for people who stay in one area only a short time. i don't think these activities can be done well by mail. too many delays. so they can't be done by all women but maybe by some.

i don't hide away in the deepest woods by myself or even with my friends all the time (although i'm so slow with mail sometimes i give that impression). so maybe we'll run into each other sometime somewhere. in the mean time i wish you success and joy in whatever you undertake. lan.

Safe water can be hard to find in lowlands where the water sits and gets stagnant. Water purifier tabs, iodine & such will usually get the job done but there are sophisticated ways... a few years ago a little hand device with a super fine filter was advertised in outdoor mags & cost about \$30. Now i notice that Edmunds' GOI EdscoorBldg Barrington, n.j. 08007 has a filter which uses a spl. silver solution to kill the bacteria. Overpriced at \$40 it still could be very handy for a hard expedition... comes out at 3¢ a gal. arm 41 fry

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i finally got out of it - so far out, as a matter of fact, that i don't even get radio signals up here (just short-wave). i made an old school bus quite comfortable and hauled it up into the mountains, 35 miles from the nearest town. My nearest neighbor is a shepherd who roams the mountainside with his stock. Our communication is limited to my rudimentary Spanish - he speaks no English in spite of having been here 3 years; nobody to talk to. There is plenty of wildlife tho: antelopes, geese and fish in a nearby river. So far i like it fine - but i haven't seen the winter yet. David, Wyoming

Spring has loosened up North Idaho for outdoor stuff and building. Did i tell you of the lady here who lives in an underground concrete dome? She simply found a mound like a hilltop, sculpted it a bit, spread on reinforcing rod and concrete. Then dug out under the dome thus formed, re-earthed the top and planted. Put in a concrete floor with good drainage under, whitewashed the inner roof. Sliced off one edge and put in a door. S.

I have been thumbing it since Dec. 73, and just (Sept.) got back to NJ in July. It was nice and warm down south. I have been spending my time since i got back building my shell and i have now turned into a turtle. All that and inertia are my excuses for not communicating to you before this. I have finally broken the 9-5 pay as you go habit and am totally using my life as i want to. I believe the most important thing that people can do with their lives is to communicate their ideas and perceptions to other people who want to learn what they can and help others learn who they are, or who we are really. I would like to keep in contact by mail with other people and when i get out west be part of a net if others are interested. If not i would still want to backpack about and see people.

I have become a vegetarian and am spending much of my time in the study of eastern religions (?). There are about 100 acres of dense woods across the road from where i have my truck parked which are very nice to just sit in and dig what is not happening.

I have a Datsun pickup which has a 4' high box - home made - resting on the top of the sides of the bed. There is an extension out over the cab and another one built up from the lowered tailgate. In the back section i have a small wood stove, which heats the camper in the winter which has a water jacket connected to a 3 gal. hot water storage tank for washing. There is also a Coleman stove with a vented hood for cooking that is all on the right side on the tailgate extension with drawers for kitchen utensils and space for a lot of my pots and pans. Along side the stove on the floor are containers for firewood and bar garbage and stove tools. In the middle in the back is a door out of the truck and an aisle to get past the stove. On the left side i have a treadle sewing machine which i am in the process of gearing to run my mixer, juicer, generator, etc. When not in use the machine itself is stored and the base doubles as a kitchen counter on a shelf below the counter and next to the machine i store boots and socks. Above the counter i have shelves to store 5 gal. of food in mason jars. In the main cargo space of the truck i have built a bench in a U shape up both sides and across the front about 18" wide and 2' high. Underneath the bench i have storage space for spare blankets, my papers, clothes, coats, a complete set of mechanics tools which will take the whole truck apart and put it together again, spare parts, nails, screws, hardware, carpenter's tools, 12 1/2 gal. mason jars with food, my flute, music and other instruments, a 14 ton winch with 50 ft. of cable, a tool box with my block and tackle, sledges, wedges, pipe wrenches, etc., 3 cu. ft. of kit utensils and food processing equipment, my mixer, juicer, etc., sewing machine, extra soap, wax and other misc. and sewing supplies. In between the benches is an area about 18" x 2' deep x 4' long which i line with a pool liner to make a bath tub. When not in use the tub and a spare fit under the bench. When the tub is not in use you can sit on the bench and put your feet down. The whole bench, sides and floor are carpeted as are the (continued on page 4)

Vonulife-Vonulink: (This is Rocky Mt. HI from Adam:)

This will be mostly about horses, mules and burros and living nomadically in the backwoods in walltents, primitive cabins, etc. I am currently getting some good experience with horses and have had other experience with mules in the past (Hello Donna hello El Dorado!).

In the northern Rocky Mts. I lived in a heavy canvas wall tent pitched over a 2" x 4" ridgepole and simple framework. I used large, heavy tarps pitched over another ridgepole under which I stored excess tools, food, equipment. My cooking was done in a fire pit surrounded by rocks, outdoors, about 50 feet from the tent. All food was stored outside as there were several black bear nosing around at night. I had a good dog that kept the bear and range cattle out of camp. My wall tent was about 10 feet x 12 feet. I prefer heavy canvas tents over the plastic stuff - I tried a first living under a shelter-half tarp extended on one side with clear plastic. It was noisy at night when the wind blew--also, the full moon shone in too bright for sleeping. Anyhow, I just don't care for plastic when something else is available.

Good background information can be obtained from the following: The American Donkey and Mule Society, Denison, Texas. They will sell you leaflets and recordings at about 0.10¢ each on mules and burros. For a backwoods nomad a burro could be used to snake logs (for fire and cabin building), for hauling water, to pull a sled (in snow or over bare ground), and to ride if he's big enough. Burros range in size from kiddy size up to about that of a small mule--big ones are called mammoth burros. Donna's cart idea would probably make use of a box on two wheels with two poles on each side between which the mule (burro) would be hitched. Personally, I can better use the one riding horse (mule) and one pack animal (horse, mule, or burro). The Tartars each took 4 horses on long trips... the loose animals were trained to follow the rider. The rider changed horses when necessary. Each hour a stop was made for 15 minutes for the rider to rest and to rest the horses. When a horse played out he was butchered for food. Many nomadic horsemen lived on mare's milk. On long military treks each man carried 10 lbs. of dried mare's milk in a pouch tied to the saddle. This was the first dried milk and was made by coiling milk down to solids and then pulverizing the dried cakes into powder. The rider in the morning would put 1/2 lb. of dried milk in a pouch and add water and then carry it on the saddle all day... by nightfall it would be well mixed and ready to eat (drink).

Metal shoes for horses were used by the Romans and far back beyond that time. Some of the first shoes were made of rawhide, and the Japanese made sort of boots of straw for their horse's feet. Rawhide shoes were soaked in water and then tacked around the hooves... upon drying they tightened into fairly good protection. The Indians used such rawhide shoes on some occasions.

Horses do not have to be shod... it depends upon the terrain and how hard you are working the animal. However, every horseman-nomad should learn how to shoe a typical, gentle horse that has healthy feet. Mules have harder hooves than horses; burros have even harder hooves. Horses and burros could be shod without shoes in more instances than could horses. Wild mustangs developed very hard hooves from all the running they did across rocky, open country. Horses that are kept penned up on pasture or in stalls are more in need of shoes because they have not developed hard hooves.

A horse-nomad would not normally have to pack horse food.... traveling through the mountains will offer enough food for riding and pack horses if you do not work them too hard. Probably each rider should have his own pack animal and know how to throw at least one of the diamond knives. An average pack horse (mule) can carry around 100 to 150 lbs. without getting hurt by it, if the pack saddle (cross-bar type or backer) fits him okay. The dead weight of a pack is harder on a horse than is the snifting (live) weight of a rider.

The riding saddle can be most any kind so long as it is not too heavy. The usual roping or rodeo type saddle may weight up to around 45 lbs. That's too much leather for a nomad. Yet, I favour a western style saddle over the English pleasure-riding saddle. Also, I like a horn... it'll come in handy in many ways. Regular western style saddles can be had weighing around 33 lbs. They can also be made lighter if the custom saddler uses a lighter weight leather. I've heard of western style saddles weighing only around 27 lbs. For mules, an old rebuilt McClellan saddle is very good. These can be bought used and rebuilt or rebuilt ones can be purchased from a place that deals in historic equipment for the "Blue and Gray" games that are played by horsemen in some areas today. My very first riding experiences were on a McClellan saddle and also bareback. Too much bareback riding can result in sore and swollen legs.... this was a common complaint back before saddles had been developed.

El Dorado suggests using "tall giraffe type horses" ... very good. A horse that has a good walk is best for the nomad. A good walking horse can make around 6 miles per hour. Also, a good "old cow of a horse" that has mountain sense and good training is more valuable for the nomad than a high spirited horse that has 2 to 5 fancy traits. The nomad wants a healthy, strong, and gentle horse that knows how to be bobbed, tied out with a rope, and is easy to catch by his master. A dark color is preferred over white because it is less visible in the mountains. You should learn to trim his hooves and also shoe him if and when necessary. If you come across any history on the Tartars, and in general the very early Asiatic horsemen-nomads read it... some good tips are buried between the lines.

A horse with very long and straight legs may have a better walk than one with shorter legs. Also, a shoulder bone that slopes well forward may indicate a horse with a good full-striding walk. Some horses just don't have a good walk. But, nearly any horse or mule will do the job... some will just do it better than others. Arabian horses are known for their gentleness, love for their owner, and their endurance. Many endurance races are won by Arabian horses. Many mules are known for their good easy walk... some mules will walk a good horse to death, as the saying goes. Also, mules are a little less susceptible to disease, they can thrive on poorer food, and usually can be worked or ridden to older ages than horses. On the other hand, there are fewer mules around so they are higher priced. Also, mules have the name of being more temperamental and some of them may be more inclined to kick. However, most mules are probably as easily handled as horses in most cases. Horses and mules can live up to 30 yrs. of age and even beyond.

Beginning with the Tartars and back beyond them and on down to arctic explorers and early-west mountain men and Indians... the horse has served his master for transportation and then when the chips were down for food. If you have mares and a stallion in your string of mounts you could learn to milk the mares and also have a ready supply of transportation. Few horsemen relish the idea of eating their horse... but if a horse should get crippled (broken leg) etc. he certainly could be used for food. Also, his hide would make good clothing and other leather items. The food value of a good pack horse is greater than any amount of food you could carry with you. One of two people could probably survive the better part of a year by eating one horse. Again, I don't personally advise setting out with the idea of butchering an animal that has served you as a means of transportation and as a companion.

At different times in history men have preferred to ride stallions only; at other places, men have preferred mares. The Bedouins prefer to ride mares because they are less likely to whiny and give away their presence to the enemy. Also, mares, during battles, are said to use up less time urinating. Some riders prefer mares, others like geldings (castrated stallions) and some still prefer to ride stallions. Generally, for war mounts, stallions had more fire and spirit. But, this attribute is of little value to the modern horseman-nomad. Therefore, I suggest either a gelding or mare for general use. The same thinking probably holds true for mules... of course the mule is a hybrid between burro and horse and can't reproduce. A mule is a cross between a burro female and a horse male; a hinny is a cross between a burro female and a horse stallion. Hinnies are good saddle animals but very rare as compared to mules.

El Dorado mentions not wearing riding clothing, boots, etc. that were meant for "saloon musicians." That's fine... because sleazy, gaudy, fancy clothes have no place in the backwoods... they just won't do the job or hold up past the first oak thicket. But, the American western riding boot (that is said to have come down from Spanish dancing shoes) dates back to the earliest times of well-equipped horsemen. Regular riding boots first came into the light of history on the feet of the barbarian huns who rode west into northern Europe early in the Christian era. These boots especially designed for horsemen were then taken up by the French, British, etc. Here's the kicker... these boots are remarkably similar (in shape of heel and long slender toe) to our western riding boots of today. They had the unusual narrow heels, built up to hold against the narrow stirrups used back then. Today, many of us riders are using the boot design of the good ole huns and I can see both good and bad. Many an ole cowboy who rides the rank ones uses his loose-fitting western boots as good insurance against getting hung up in the stirrups. One cowboy advises to buy western boots that can be easily slipped off, for safety. However, such western boots are impossible to walk in for any distance and the types of leathers are more for dress-up than for heavy-duty wear in the mountains. So what's the best all around answer. Well, you could wear boots (western) for riding and carry a pair of walking shoes tied to the saddle horn. Or, wear boots over the front of your stirrups. Or, wear lace shoes and keep them very loosely laced while riding... especially when on snow, or other places when a horse might slide down. Frankly, unless you are a rodeo rider or trainer the chance of getting hung up in the stirrups is rather remote... but it can and does happen... always be prepared for it. Also, it probably would be unwise to wear mountain boots with Vibram soles and wedge them into the stirrups. I can see where such boots might increase the chance of hanging up in case you underfoot. Hiking shoes with smooth soles would be better for riding anyhow. For me, in summer, wearing utility grade western riding boots while riding, and tying a pair of tennis shoes or other lightweight shoes to the saddle horn or pommel will probably be the way to go until I find some better answer. Good summer clothing for summertime in the Rockies would include blue jeans, flannel shirts (2), long handles, sweater, wool socks, broad-brimmed felt hat. Working in the snowy timber last winter my broad-brimmed felt hat saved my face a couple of times from flying sticks. Also, it stopped snow from falling down my neck. I take the sweat-banu and lining out and tie heavy shoestrings or leather around the outside to adjust the size. Then, in real cold weather I wear a wool scarf, ski band, or bandana around my ears. The broad-brimmed hat is just for looks in town but in the backwoods it begins to be a necessity. Nobody, repeat nobody has improved on cotton for shirts and trousers in summer and wool for winter clothing. Leave all that sleazy knit stuff and nylon cran hanging on the store shelves if you want to be really comfortable.

Adam

by MASTER SATAN aka THOR XAVIER CHALLENGER

THIS IS A COMPENDIUM OF THOUGHTS AND IDEAS I'VE BEEN WORKING ON AND ALSO IN RESPONSE TO MATERIAL I'VE SEEN IN VL.

Someone wrote once that Vonuans can never be self-sufficient in all things, and I tend to agree. The idea was that even without self-sufficiency, many things a vonuans needs can be either manufactured outside the System or purchased within the system and maintained outside the System. Also components for self-manufactured systems could be obtained inside the System and then reconfigured outside it to serve our needs. This is the area I've been working. In planning my own conversion to a vonu lifestyle, I have had to consider transportation, communications, data storage, comfort, defense, and a multitude of other areas which I was unwilling to give up in order to be vonu. Although I am not yet living that vonu lifestyle, I am convinced that I now know how to do so and what it will cost me. My present activities are devoted to earning the money to accomplish my aims.

Let's take transportation first: My answer to the transportation problem lies not in the conventional van camper. Such a vehicle is too easily subject to counter-vonu (CV) forces, has too cramped a living space (at least, one I can afford is), and is more or less subject to the restrictions of on-road travel. I considered that the only way to really escape such restrictions is an off-road vehicle. Conventional four-wheel drive vehicles are very expensive, however, and even more cramped for space. This made it clear that the vehicle that was needed had to be a "home-made" or "custom" job. While this indicated higher initial cost, I estimated that it or could still be built for less than a conventional vehicle, based on data available pertaining to dune buggies. So the first requirement was a four-wheel-drive chassis and a reasonably powerful, but economical engine. But such a vehicle is still limited; it cannot cross rivers, and it could be chased by similar vehicles. Therefore, I decided that an amphibious vehicle would be in order: no police vehicle could chase it, no terrain could stop it short of heavy waves, storms, etc., in which case one would not wish to travel anyway. There was a precedent for such vehicles, of course; many military models existed, including a Volkswagen amphibian during WWII. And I had read where conventional Volkswagens could be cheaply modified to act as amphibians. Coupling this with the well-known dune buggy produced an inexpensive, amphibious, all-terrain vehicle. But I didn't stop there: other features were considered. Conventional amphibians are very slow: the addition of a fairly powerful outboard motor (or perhaps a propeller hooked to a drive train take-off) might up the speed and carrying capacity on water. The use of the hydrofoil was suggested by experiments involving military amphibians: this would increase water speed. Numerous experimental vehicles are described in the Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, type magazines every month. Features from these vehicles were considered. The recent discovery of Dr. Wankel of engine fame that a torpedo-shaped personal boat with hydrofoils could be used to travel at speeds up to 60 miles per hour through waves 10 times its length in height indicated that much could be done with the standard amphibian. Dual, large, on-off-road tires; hydrofoils; lightweight, tough fiberglass body; Lexan cockpit; motorized raisable outboard engines; all these would increase the vehicles' capacity to travel any ground.

But the problem of shelter remained. But this was simply answered: do not try to make your vehicle your home! This was the flaw of the conventional van; shelter required considerable living space as well as storage space, greatly increasing the size of the vehicle, its weight, and lowering its maneuverability. The answer was to use various shelters already being used by vonuans: plastic tents, temporary shelters of natural materials, domes, etc. But how to carry supplies and shelter? The answer had to be a trailer. But the conventional trailer is as inefficient as the conventional car. Therefore I devised a trailer which was made of lightweight fiberglass, which opened up into a maze of poles and tie-downs and plastic tents covering many square feet. This trailer was towed on strap-on boat wheels (commercially available), could be equipped with its own hydrofoils, and still carry some cargo. The trailer was attached to the vehicle by an articulated hitch which would waste its towing over rough ground. It would be packed like a fine watch, permitting maximum utilization of storage space.

SO: one would have a vehicle capable of eluding the law, capable of street operation (based as it is on conventional chassis and engines), capable of off-road travel to a degree unknown to all but specifically designed all-terrain vehicles), capable of carrying all the necessary implements of survival and comfort, plus able to tow the equivalent shelter of a house with it. With the use of inflatable plastic structures, one could increase this shelter space substantially.

Such a vehicle could ease the vehicular MMH (mean time to harassment) from 1-2 years to 5-10 years. The vehicle could go places no other could - especially bludg cars. Thus greater comfort, storage, and technology would be permitted in more remote areas, enabling more vonu and better vonu. Any such vehicle is of course still subject to the bludg (so are bikes in some areas, and even pedestrians); however, an ATV could be operated primarily off-road, thus obviating licenses and such, such a vehicle could still be driven on roads in remote areas with phoney license plates, etc., or at night, with the driver confident that if spotted by police, he could immediately take to rough ground or water without fear of pursuit. I regard the design and construction of such a vehicle of great importance to the improvement of vonu; hopefully I will be able to build a prototype within a year or two, if I can acquire the funds. Such a vehicle could be built for amounts between \$3-6000, depending on the amount of a vehicle could be built for amounts between \$3-6000, depending on the amount of home labor, the cost of new or used materials, the cost of the used chassis and engines, the amount of hired labor, the degree of all-terrain and/or amphibious capability. This is somewhat higher than the usual van camper, but considering the increased capability and benefits. Furthermore, the widespread use of such vehicles could reduce the need for highways, and other destructive and expensive systems designed for the automobile. Such vehicles could be designed to be ecologically sound, by the use of new energy sources, and by the use of low-pressure tires which cause less soil damage than horses or human feet, and of course by care in driving.

And one vehicle can serve as boat and car enabling economies of hauling, etc.

All in all, a brilliant idea - if it works - and I'm glad I thought of it!!

COMMUNICATION: How about laser transceivers? Plans for homemade jobs exist that can be built for \$100 or so, with a range of up to eight miles, and improvements could be made easily. The only fault is bad weather interrupts the beams; but there could be ways around that. This would be as cheap as ham radios easily; a system could be designed around laser transceivers, cheap CB sets, etc. and the system could be used to make money during the coming Depression, servicing areas which loose service from the monopolies.

FOOD: Why hasn't anyone mentioned fish in the context of land vonu? Locate yourself a large stream in the northern California area, use fish traps, set-lines, fish a variety, slingshots, etc. to catch large amounts of fish easily and quickly. Many books are filled with info on this; fish protein is excellent, although the calory content leaves something to be desired. Herter's has a book called "How to get Out of the Rat Race and Live on \$10 a Month" and has a good deal of info on this.

HEAT: The plans for solar devices seem to be coming out of the woodwork now, since the energy crisis. It is now clear that for a few dollars one can cook one's food, heat one's water for showering, perform various handicrafts requiring heat up to 2000°, heat one's shelter and do many more things. Soon one will be able to derive electricity efficiently, and at that point vonu will really become easy. Of course, as long as these devices require direct sunlight, and as long as there are cloudy days, one must have backup systems, but efficient use of simple solar devices can cut one's costs in such areas as fuel primarily.

WEAPONS: Some comments have been made about slingshots, blowguns, etc. I am presently acquiring a number of martial arts weapons, a slingshot, some large steel balls from Herter's which they claim will kill a deer and go right through small game, when fired from a slingshot, a blowgun which is claimed to have as much penetrating power as a .22. I plan on acquiring an air rifle which is claimed to have killing power approximately equal to a .22 for up to, I guess, 50 yards, and which requires a few simple lever-action pumps to bring it up to power, plus various other devices, including silencers for the air weapons, since I believe even an air rifle is rather loud; you need probably one at least, and those blowguns you see on TV are worthless; you need probably one at least a foot long to do a good job, and none will help if your bullet is supersonic. But some very good models have been made, some quieting flash and sound down to the point where the weapon really does make no more noise than a hiss and the click of the action. A number of weapons have been made especially for assassination, and I think every vonuans should eventually own a pistol or rifle adequate to kill a human at some distance via sniping and equipped with a silencer. Silencers are expensive, starting at \$300, but there are a number of books and someone good with tools could probably build one for less than \$50. I recently read a book entitled The Poor Man's James Bond, and believe me, it is very gut level, and completely detailed on making bombs, poison, various weaponry, incendiaries, counterfeiting, use of electronic devices to activate explosives, terrorist acts, etc. Every vonuans should have one; it's available from Hillefist Publications (

COMMERCE: Vonu commerce won't come about until there is not only enough vonuans to make it possible, but enough communications and especially enough money. And since the purpose of vonuism is to reduce external needs, we have one strike against MY us starting out. I would suggest we not worry too greatly about vonu in groups, etc. and concentrate more on maximizing the extent of individual vonu. I firmly believe that a high-technology vonu lifestyle is possible at reasonable cost, and considerable independence from outside maintenance, but the requirements include considerable knowledge of what's possible today, and a willingness to utilize more money than most vonuans seem to be able to earn - say, \$1,000 to start out with instead of \$1,000. This brings up the problem of whether to make money first and then vonu or to vonu and then try to make money. I believe it is not either-or. I believe the most practical way to achieve vonu is to make a certain level of money first in any profession, then achieve vonu with an excellent MMH, and then develop an entirely new source of income based on vonu conditions. The usual idea is to profit and then try to vonu the profit source, and this is where the difficulty lies; particularly when one does something one likes on the outside, and is then reluctant to drop it in order to go vonu. I am earning money in various ways, and plan to change shortly to entirely new and more interesting ways; but when I go vonu, I may have to completely alter my means or even stop earning money altogether except for odd jobs occasionally. However, my ultimate goal is to return to society with the skills and ideas to enable vonu even in the heart of the society - remembering that vonu merely means relative invulnerability to coercion and does not specify how or where.

It has been said that someone who utilizes deterrence without mobility is just another rival State; this does not logically follow. However, it is impractical from the point of view of the individual, since it would be difficult, if not impossible for one person or a small group to develop the deterrence to withstand an entire society - without mobility, and/or concealment. Note that "and/or" - too often the choice is artificially narrowed down to either-or; "either" concealment "or" deterrence. This I think stems from the basic inability of many vonuans to think in terms of personal effectiveness, which is the main problem of the entire libertarian movement - and perhaps all movements. I am convinced that there is no reason why someone could not be concealed at some times, not concealed at others, using deterrence at times and not at others, moving to escape at times and not at others, or using all three (a disguised vonuans with phoney ID, moving along a deserted highway, is stopped by a bludg, eliminates the bludg with a silenced weapon, and disappears in the hills). The question is one of powers and how they may be used; if you have mobility, then you need concealment and deterrence; if you have deterrence, then you need mobility and deterrence; if you have one, you need three; if you have two, you need one; and mobility. If you have all three, you need more of everything! The real mistake is to think "well, now I'm hiding out in these hills, I'm vonu!" That is not the case particularly if you aren't hiding out in those hills permanently, which is the usual case with most vonuans; they do come close to other humans (and dangerous animals) occasionally, and each occasion is a threat to their vonu. Since my entrance into the pages of the Libertarian Connection, I have stressed personal development as the only means to achieve freedom, and this is as true for the vonuans as it is for the conventional man. And personal development is not limited to meditation or a new way of thinking; it means taking advantage of everything needed to survive, and this can cover the entire field of human endeavor under certain circumstances. Anyone who overlooks various possibilities will shortly find himself in difficulty; this takes into account everything up to and including old age - which is a prime threat and should be high on everyone's list of priorities.

This brings up the question of "psychological liberation", since the vast majority of the libertarians in this world do not possess it, adding myself to an uncomfortably high degree - and unfortunately including many vonuans. Rayo asked what attitudes toward the State are most conducive to effective action. I suspect the only answer is a combination of drama - the emotional effect of fictional and non-fictional accounts needed to accomplish these ends. In other words, I think of the actual knowledge needed to accomplish these ends. In other words, I think if one reads books such as Harry Brown's, the success stories of various vonuans, and other types of self-liberationists, and then proceeds to gather up all the data needed to duplicate these successes, and mixes this all up with meditation, music, and the generation of positive attitudes by whatever means, then this eventually, slowly, painfully perhaps, results in some significant change. Sometimes the change is abrupt and explosive; usually it is slow. In my case, I have spent years making one wrong decision after another; I think I can see exactly how to achieve made enough progress to the point where I think I can see exactly how to achieve vonu and where I believe that I can do it. This has led me to try to extend the requirements and thus the time required within the system, but I know that this is itself an indication of the strength I have been given by just knowing that if I have I can split, say, now, or a week from now. So I have the strength to hang on another month or a year, knowing that it might make things better when I do split. The attitude is: "There are still a lot of good things available to me here, and I think I'd better stay on as long as I don't incur any extra risks or hangups." This can easily become a rationalization for non-vonu, however!

Every case is different, depending as it does on one's personal goals. My goal is a high-tech, very mobile, uninterrupted (by bludg) sort of vonu for the sole purpose of providing me with the solitude needed to master the Martial Arts and the Hermetic Sciences and the technological sciences. From this point of personal strength, I would then dart in and out of the System, creating havoc and reaping personal profits of a material and psychic nature, while still maintaining a high level of vonu - thru the acquisition of power, if you will.

My "movementist" phase was extremely short, probably because I had been involved in other movements, such as the UFO movement, and thus had first-hand experience of their ineffectiveness. On the other hand, I am somewhat predisposed to movements by "nature", so someone without that attitude might very well eliminate the movement phase altogether. I think it would depend significantly on whether his personal environment included movementists or vonuans, or both.

As anyone is aware who has been reading the Liberation Connection, there is a disturbing trend in that publication to advocate so-called "amoral" coercive philosophies and anti-vonuian sentiments (usually based on the "I don't want to eat weeds" philosophy). On the other hand, it is slowly seeping out that virtually all the writers for LC have some sort of vonuian fantasy about sea-mobility, or groups of libertarians occupying the Pacific Ocean, and whatnot. Therefore, it would seem that what is happening is that, as the System slowly crumbles, and as each libertarians personal situation does not seem to greatly improve, he begins to fantasize about escape from the System on the one hand, but rationalizes his failures on the other by denouncing the feasibility of vonu. I believe that all that is needed is for these individuals to take their fantasies, as Harry Brown said, and "start from zero": use these fantasies as the basic goal (if only short-term, even), and then devote their energies into actively trying to find out how to achieve these goals. This entails active research into what is physically possible in many areas: science, economics, personal finance, vonu techniques, criminal techniques, market research, etc. It costs money, but it produces psychological results like few other techniques I've used. And psychological liberation produces ideas which lead to more possibilities, and starts a reverse spiral upward to actual liberation instead of downward into depression and failure. It is slow and detailed work, but it does work.

Well, I'll just leave the rest of this page for comments by VL's editor, if he would like to use it. Anyone wishing to comment can write me, Richard S. Hack, at P.O. Box 14518, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111.

(continued from page 1) two plywood sheets which cover the tub opening to make a sleeping deck the size of the cargo area of the truck. The bottom of the larger board (18" x 30") has formica on it and attaches to the wall about 1' off the deck at the left rear to make another table. Above the table is a utility shelf 4' long and 8" high above that is a taller book shelf the same length. Below the table is a 4' long 12" high vent window. There is also a small window behind the utility shelf in the middle. The front 4' of the left side have a trap door to escape in case of fire in the rear and to allow more air in the summer. All doors and windows are weather proof and have screens. The front of the camper has an opening into the cab and doors to the storage area over the cab and is carpeted completely. In the storage area I store clothes and towels and misc. on the right side the first 2' have a complex of shelves and cabinets for drafting equip., office supplies, books, a small writing table and a 2' square area for a tape recorder I have yet to get. The back 4' have a 1' high vent window and shelves for 6 gals. of food in mason jars. On the back of the partition separating the stove area from the rest of the truck and high enough to get your feet underneath to sleep, is a flour mill and milling area illuminated by a candle lantern. Further light is provided by a kero. lamp, a Coleman light, a 110 electric light which is plugged into switched outlets at either end of the truck, or a 12 volt light overhead on a 3 way switch from back or front of the camper. The 110 comes from an exterior plug with 50 foot extension cord or power converter. 12 volt comes from truck or generator. The main part of the camper has a 2x3 frame with 3/8" plywood over it, fiberglass insulation and masonite inside the roof is a 1x2 frame with masonite and canvas stretched over it. painted of course. The tailgate extension has a 2x2 frame stretched canvas outside. insulation, masonite on the inside except for the stove where there is an asbestos board interior. The roof on the extension is sheet metal to accommodate stove and hood vent. The cab is the same except all the tools, jacks, bars, maps, etc. Sleeping bags and backpack equipment are suspended from the ceiling in hammocks. I have the truck parked in the driveway of some accommodating people who let me use well and plug in my cord. I do odd jobs for money when I need it. I also have a 1965 fury I station wagon with a 6 cyl. engine which I store about 500 lbs. of food in and use for transportation. For some mind blowing concepts in shelter and clothes send \$1.00 to Stephenson's, 23206 Hatteras St., Woodland Hills, Calif. and they will send you a very informative catalog. Fritz, c/o Peter Blockford, RD 43, Lebanon, N.J. 08833. F.S. Do you know where I can get "The Paper Trip" and "Gateway to Survival is Storage"? Walter Butcher and Rev. Gormezano have moved or something. My letters came back.

my condolences to el dorado for the poor printing of er letter in last vomline. but when something doesn't print well it's because the copy was faint. but er copy was okay. the printer didn't expose the right amount or something. lan

New applicants for a social security number may be asked to prove their age, identity, and citizenship to be assigned a number. Such proof is required under an amendment to the Social Security law. The amendment is intended to prevent the issuance of more than one number to a person or obtaining and using a Social Security card number under an alias. (clipping from al fry)

How does one survive and still remain 'free'?

by al fry

Freedom of the mind of course is a subject more for long winter nights around a fire than here. Body freedom is another thing. I was blessed with a little of the wander bug in me and so for much of my life I have learned some of the art on the road. The gypsies of course are masters at this and I remember an isolated gypsy camp near my mailing address here. Where they made their stops while touring the country - trees, stream, tables, outdoor fires, the whole thing. Now they ply the country in trailers, motorhomes, etc. and are pretty hard to spot. Seems to me there were 250,000 at last count, many of them offering home maintenance and repair services etc., others tending to become more settled. In Europe they have changed less and I recall that in the 60's there were many in caravans camping outside the city of Paris. In England they are less conspicuous than the 'street november 1974 vomline page 4 end of issue

people' of London. Many of these younger people live in tents, vans, trailers, etc. on vacant lots. Others are living out of abandoned tenement buildings or even in small boats on the canals. Anyway one of the first rules I follow is 'save that rent money!'. There are just too many other better things to do with it.

At the moment I am parked under a shade tree near Riverside. The property owner is delighted to have me (if I would have had my pants on I'd have run down a thief last week) and typically I find it an almost ideal temporary life style. Stream about my van of course are my barter items. At the moment I have a box of hammer handles, some smashed up saw revolvers, stacks of unusual posters, a mess of stainless steel cups, cartons of light bulbs and a number of small antiques etc. If I remember to throw some of these things in my little car I can usually pick up enough gas money to cover my periodic trips - and meet some interesting people besides. I still don't really apply myself though. Friend B.B. is a better example and an inspiration. He deals from Mexico to Washington out of a camper. Last year he was getting honey cheaply in Texas and supplying desperate health food stores up the west coast. A few months ago he was bringing crystal rock specimens out of Mexico (no duty). At the moment he is wrecking a house near by and making more than I'll make all year. He has the 'natural talent' and applies himself.

Hi. Mother has been running an article each month on ham radio, including CB as a possible com web. It sounds good. CB has very short range but a ham could see a signal 100 miles away. I would like to try it. I would like to see a ham who should be cheap for a lot of distance. Bypass small mail? I wouldn't care to depend on mail webs depending on drops and a lot of other people. They move, get hassled, drop out, etc. I'll still pay a finders fee for a small form (20 A, 5 tillable). I have found 350A in Trinity Co at \$110/A. That's \$31,000 so I need partners to buy and split loss if I'm to get any myself. I also want to buy or trade for farm and hand tools, blacksmiths and farrier tools, big anvil, big vise, forge, etc., honey extractor, Brobant reversing hand plaw, etc. Would routing woodmoke thru several horizontal pipes (a longer smoke pipe) allow it to cool some and deposit more tars/soot inside the pipe and so be less visible? If it works maybe Blueberry will write me about it! (they're not subscribers so maybe you should write them - address last in. lan) a "rural" mailbox put up where a lot of new houses building is happening would probably be serviced if a change-of-address form is left at the local mail.

u/g cache - use sections of concrete or clay sewer tile, close one end with concrete, put concrete lid in other - seal with tar - or try large diameter PVC soil pipe and close with plugs. All your non-metal in one cache so metal detector won't locate. Simplest saials are made of scrap sewer tile 4' dia. or bigger. Line up and dig in and as dig progresses level them all in so you don't have unguarded dirt roof over 2' long at any place. Use rr ties in teepee shape and set up more as you dig in - put cross piece on top at sides and nail (in shape of an A) Put gravel on floor. Put old boards, corrugated iron, plastic sheeting, etc. on sides to hold dirt back. Or get plans for a root cellar and use them, or cyclone shelter. Many civil defense experts think people will be living u/g at least part time for 5 years or more after last bomb falls in WW III. Paul Doerr, Box 1444, Vallejo, CA 94590

Being a sort of junk collector at heart I have seldom passed up anything of importance along the highways and byways. Fortunately I have usually had someone to put some of my goodies and for a vonu type person this is probably the biggest single problem to face. I find that the biggest single solution is to have good friends - not to take advantage of and dump flotsam on but to trade with and store things at - on the understanding that its all to be used by persons who need it. It's not easy but with little stashes of junk here and there I seldom need to pay dearly at hardware stores - or go without. This spring I scrounged up wire (to keep rabbits out) and started my garden on some big landowner's property - I had a friend with a well near the property and so for the water the friend gets use of the garden goodies too and I don't need to pay pay pay. A few people needed a storage shed last month so on the agreement that all could use it, I built the shed from big scrounged sheets of tin and by building it on scids I not only keep the tax assessor from adding it on my land owner friends taxes but it is an asset all the way to everyone. Cost: one day's work and \$5 worth of scrounging gas. A couple of days ago my friend B.B. came by with his favorite scrounging tool - a low hung car towing trailer. On it he had a tractor worth at least \$200. He had paid \$50 for it and was taking it to his junk area. I'm sure that B.B. must make at least a hundred a month from his trailer. A, he walked off from where we met he picked up a coke bottle and an aluminum beer can and added it to his various stash boxes. Being a Junkie is sort of a full time way of thought and even I have a long way to go. I'm learning though - last time I was in Mexico I paid my gas there and back with posters I peddled to appropriate Mexican shops. I am even hauling around junk to trade and peddle stateside now as gas prices climb. I mention these few examples because many vonu-people are missing out on getting along easier because they haven't acquired the scrounging and bartering habits. An ex-wife of mine is in Hawaii making necklaces of sea shells - a girl I'm aware of is pressing weeds in phone books, doing interesting arrangements with them, and selling them for top money. Natural and unnatural stuff is laying all over the landscape - all it takes to turn it into a little coin of the realm or trade materials is imagination and effort.

Clean and Convenient Sleeping Gear

by Al Fry

For years we struggled along with sleeping bags and blankets. Both have advantages but just aren't usually worth the trouble. The big problem is body oil and dirt. Together they can ruin a sleeping bag pretty quickly. Aside from using blanket sheets in very cold weather I now use only special down comforters summer and winter. Robbing old pillows and sleeping bags usually nets me enough down for my most ambitious projects and all that remains is a lot of work on a sewing machine with nylon thread. Using dark rip stop nylon I use plenty of baffles and get together whatever size of comforter I need (single or double). After completing it I never never let my body come in direct contact with it. Instead I make a giant case with a airtight zipper tape or zipper near one end. By using this protective cover I can slip it off quickly and wash it with little bother. So far I prefer nylon but many persons would prefer cotton I am sure. Because nylon is so slippery I often include a big pocket on one end to capture my feet under the comforter. I find that down in unnecessary underneath and so I usually use a gaily decorated cotton print on a foam mattress. By adding tape or zippers a person can make up just about any combination of sleeping gear from these little comforters and keeping it all clean is so easy.